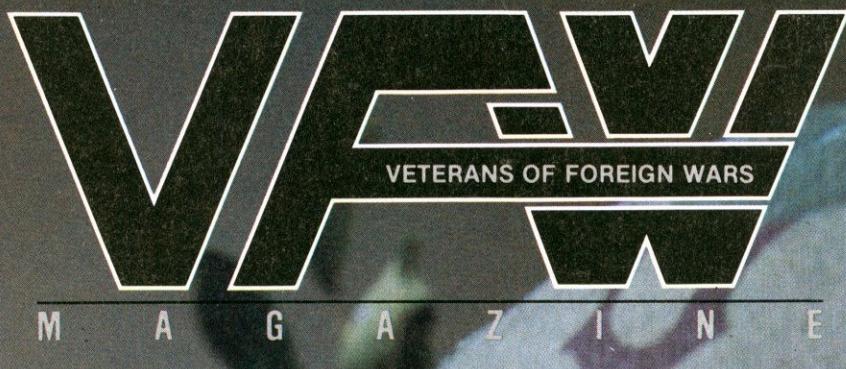
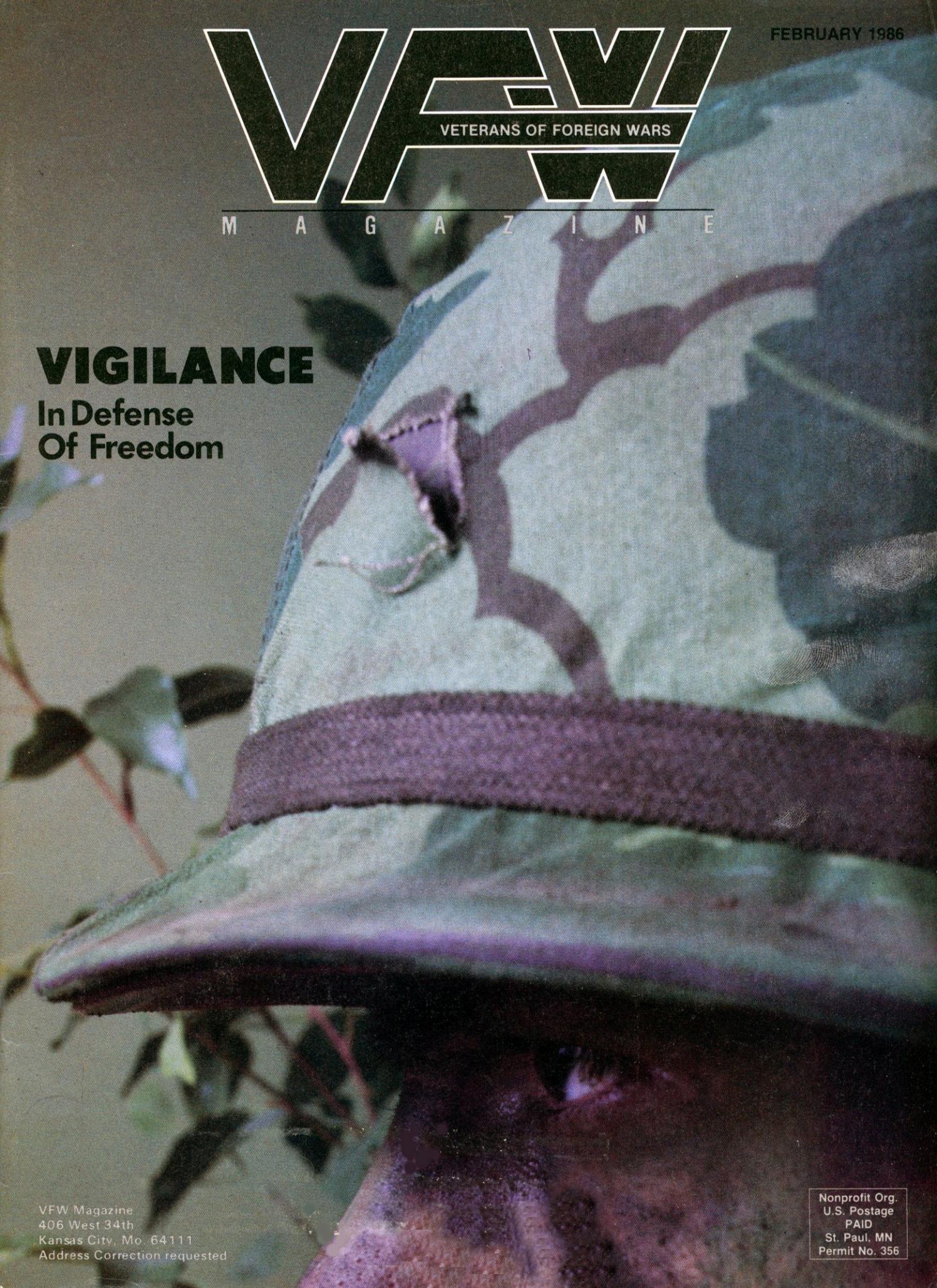


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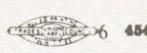
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## Probe Air Crash



By John S. Staum  
VFW Commander-in-Chief

The pre-Christmas crash of the chartered DC-8 in Gander, Newfoundland, killing 248 members of the 3rd Battalion, 502nd Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, and all eight of the plane's crew, is still shocking, even nearly two months after the tragedy.

What can be done to prevent a repetition of this disaster?

To find a solution, as your Commander-in-Chief, I have appealed to Congress to tighten procedures used by the Federal Aviation Administration to insure proper aircraft maintenance.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars also is suggesting that the Air Force demand the authority to inspect, spotcheck and reject commercial airliners chartered by the U.S. Military Airlift Command to transport service personnel and their families.

Letters expressing the VFW's position on this issue have been sent to Air Force Secretary Russell A. Rourke and Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, who chairs the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works and Administration.

Here is part of their texts:

"I am sorry to say that too many reports appear to focus on improper or inadequate maintenance procedures. Considering that our Department of Defense must certainly be the largest charterer of commercial airliners in the nation, it is inconceivable that we do not have a

system which would preclude military personnel from being ordered to fly in commercial aircraft that may not be airworthy."

No sooner had word of the crash reached us than the VFW decided to donate \$5,000 to the Chaplain's Fund at Fort Campbell, Ky., in memory of these 248 fallen soldiers, and asked that all Americans follow suit. We also expressed "heartfelt sympathy and sincerest condolences to the families, friends and comrades of the members of the 101st Airborne Division who died so tragically on Dec. 12, 1985 . . . To the bereaved families, I hope you will take solace in the assistance offered to you by VFW Posts throughout the world during the aftermath of this tragedy."

Although the dead troopers had been part of the multi-national peace-keeping force in the Sinai Desert and were returning home from Cairo, the Soviets cruelly and dishonestly said they were coming from a secret Rapid Deployment "forward strike base." This was immediately and correctly branded by a U.S. government spokesman as "sick," "disinformation" and "patently ridiculous."

The charge is seen by authorities as a clear example of Soviet disinformation tactics. In making its accusation, Tass quoted a Japanese weekly's account attributing the charge to a retired Japanese admiral.

A KGB disinformation technique is to plant a story, and then disseminate it as the truth by Tass. The same method was used by the Soviets in claiming the U.S. blew up KAL flight 007 in September, 1983, to prevent it from falling into Soviet hands.

### Afghan Freedom Fighters

At the end of December, we all were reminded that the Soviet war against the Afghan Freedom Fighters began Dec. 27, 1979. VFW Resolution 430, adopted at the 86th National Convention, calls for aid to the Afghans who have been carrying on their heroic struggle and for the Afghan

refugees who are now in Pakistan.

A recent visitor to Washington, Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Safi, a leader of the resistance forces in Afghanistan, accused the Soviets of "destroying the country and killing the children." Safi, head of plans and training for the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, told members of Congress the Freedom Fighters need most are effective anti-aircraft weapons against helicopters, MiGs and other aircraft. Warm clothing and food are welcome also, he added.

It may be that signs from within the USSR are pointing in the direction of some kind of a settlement, for some observers say the war is becoming so unpopular that the government is now selling it as a patriotic undertaking like World War II. Soviet casualties total at least 30,000, and 200,000 troops have come home from the fighting there.

### Veterans' Preference

As we entered 1986, a danger to veterans' preference loomed in the Veterans Administration through the contracting out of cemetery work.

"Under no circumstances could the VFW support any contract arrangement which would be detrimental to veterans or the VA," I told House Veterans' Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on House and Memorial Affairs hearing on the VA's plan to turn over much of its cemetery work force to save money.

Affected would be 450 jobs, half the cemetery work force, over a three-year period.

Quality of work is of primary concern to the VFW, it was pointed out, and this cannot be maintained through a contracting out system.

A further concern is the possibility that the whole work force would be contracted to private companies, with the cemetery superintendent as the only VA employee remaining. Who can say that even that position is not vulnerable to being contracted out? ■

**Pearl Harbor**

VFW Magazine, its staff and writers are to be highly commended for the December issue cover dedication to Pearl Harbor Day. The interesting and factual story of the USS Utah and the honor and paid tribute to all those dead and alive who came under enemy attack that fateful morning of Dec. 7, 1941. Remember Pearl Harbor! Keep America Alert! I am very happy and proud to be a Pearl Harbor survivor. — *Clyde Lambert, Charter Member, Post 9963, Walbridge, Ohio 43465.*

I was extremely interested in the article about the USS Utah (December) and about Chief Watertender Peter Tomich who was awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life to save his shipmates as the Utah went down. As a fireman, I served under Chief Tomich on the USS Litchfield, an old four-stack destroyer, in the years 1932-33. He left the ship, and I lost track of him until Oct. 12, 1934, when I came in to Bremerton, Wash., on the New York for my discharge. He was on the deck of the tug that was docking the New York. He was still the dedicated Navy man and tried to talk me into shipping over. This was the last time I ever saw him. I am so pleased that he was honored by being awarded the Medal of Honor. I know of no one more deserving. — *Lyle W. Hawkins, 2424 Madrona St., Bellingham, Wash. 98225.*

**Bataan, Corregidor**

I was very impressed with the December issue, the cover and the way you paid tribute to the people of Pearl Harbor who were there on Dec. 7, 1941. But you overlooked the fact that the men in the Philippines were also attacked, and a large number died at the same time. The Philippines was America's second Alamo, but no one seems to ever recall this tragic event. May 7 is VE Day, and every paper carries a large writeup about it, but May 6 was the fall of the Philippines when thou-

sands of Americans were subjected to the horrors of Death Marches, as well as the torture and humiliation of the Japanese. These men were shot, bayoneted, beheaded, left to die of sickness as well as a host of other tortures the Japanese thought up for 3½ years. — *Russell W. Simonds, 18516 N. Dixie, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.*

(Note: The VFW Magazine, virtually alone among publications devoted to veterans' interest, has published several articles over the years on Bataan and Corregidor, most recently in April and May, 1982, and September, 1983. Like the Alamo and Pearl Harbor, they will not be forgotten.)

**Means Test**

Regarding Commander-in-Chief John S. Staum's comments on the means test, I have only one question: who is at fault? We can blame congressman and senators, but we have no one to blame but ourselves. We hear that we have 16 million veterans eligible to join our organization and we only have two million plus as of now. Just think how strong we would be if every member invited just two veterans he knows are eligible to join and got one of the two to sign up. It would be great if he got the two, but just the one would give us four million plus. In another year we would do the same thing, and we would have eight million, and then I dare any of those congressmen to try to prevent the veteran from getting hospitalization. — *Tom McGrath, Membership Chairman, Post 2578, Hyannis, Mass. 02664.*

**When Torpedoes Missed**

Dan B. McCarthy's "When Torpedoes Struck" (November), the story of HMS Tuscania, brought back memories of what I escaped in World War I in July, 1918. Off the coast of Ireland, our seven-ship convoy was almost torpedoed. I was in the 304th Ammunition Train, 79th Division. The cook and I were standing by the

railing, and he asked me what are those queer things out there. I looked and saw five periscopes. We told the signalman, and he signalled the other ships. Then we dropped depth charges, and the others in the convoy dropped theirs. In a few minutes, a British sub-chaser took one sub we thought was damaged. After all the submarines we saw at first were out of sight, two torpedoes passed our ship, one behind the other, about two feet away, or so it seemed. Our ship was the Haverford, a former British cattle boat. As the torpedoes were about to strike the ship leading the convoy, she zig-zagged and avoided them. All of a sudden a submarine surfaced about 40 feet from our ship. We thought it wanted to surrender, but a gunner on the ship behind ours had the U-boat in his sights and fired a shell that tore off the conning tower. There was a big cloud of black smoke and a red flame. We figured three were damaged and sank; one was damaged and gave up to the British, and one was finished off with the good shot. On the starboard side, all of us were deafened by the blast. I still don't hear on the right side, but I often think a bum ear is better than sitting on the bottom of the ocean. When we got to Liverpool, I met the gunner who sank the sub. He said the sub was getting in position to give us a broadside since he missed with two torpedoes. — *Clarence Owen, 2200 Park Road, Venice, Fla. 33595.*

**Endorses Petitions**

I second the motion of Gerald C. Hollis in Mail Call (December) for Post petitions as opposed to letter writing. If properly advertised in the Post newsletter, it would be a better way of informing the members, increase attendance at Post meetings, accomplish goals, create more active Posts and encourage each member to be more active in the Post. — *Raymond L. Gilton, Mail Call, PO Box 66058, Baltimore, Md. 21239.*

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This house, Heligan in Cornwall, a cumulative building added to over 400 years, was used by American troops in World War II, mainly presumably for convalescence. The writer and resident, engaged in compiling the history of house and family, would much appreciate receiving the reminiscences of any American serviceman who stayed here.—*Ivor Herring, Heligan House, St. Ewe, St. Austell, Cornwall PL 26 6 EN, England.*

**Hospitalized Veterans**

In memory of my late veteran husband, I sincerely want to write letters to hospitalized veterans. Send me your name and address.

My husband was part of the Allied Expeditionary Force that landed in Normandy 1944. I lost him recently in such a tragic, needless way. I am most sincere about my wish to write to as many hospitalized veterans across our USA as possible.—*Mrs. L.J. Knapp, R.D. 1, Box 368, Groversville, N.Y. 12078-9753.*

**Letter from Editor**

As editor of the Louisiana Military Academy monthly newsletter, I am interested in hearing from Reservists or National Guardsmen who were activated during any war in this century. If interested, please send me your name, address and telephone number.—*S/Sgt. David Oliver, O.C. #28, 339 E. State Street, Apt. B, Baton Rouge, La. 70802.*

**Danville's Memorial**

Please do not expect too much help from our government on the Korean Memorial project. We, a small committee here in Danville, Ill., have been working on a memorial to honor both Korean and Vietnam veterans who so bravely served their country. We have a beautiful monument design and have collected over \$17,000 in aluminum cans and along with other contributions, we hope to meet our goal of \$100,000. This is a depressed area so it has taken longer than we had planned. We are confident we will meet our goal and erect

the monument next Memorial Day, 1986. Our committee meets monthly at the VFW Post 728. The members have been very supportive of this project. I, too, am a member of this Post.

The same architect who drew up the plans for a new post office building in Danville drew the plans for the Korean-Vietnam Memorial and suggested that the committee contact the post office about erecting the monument on the postal grounds. Space was ample, and the memorial would complement the post office and vice versa. The committee agreed, but the United States Postal Service did not.

Can you believe these reasons the Postal Service gave?

The monument on government property would set a bad precedent; the monument would reduce the value and possible uses of the land if it were sold; the license is revocable; thus should the government decide it didn't want a memorial there anymore, there is no guarantee the monument committee would have the money to move it; if the post office needed to expand onto the monument corner, removal of the memorial would cause a public uproar; although the committee has agreed to establish a trust fund for maintenance of the memorial, the post office is worried that the fund might not last forever; and many people would be on the grounds to see the monument and the government would be liable for injuries.

Learning of this decision, a local businessman gave the committee his permission to erect the memorial on his land about two blocks from the new post office, offered to maintain the grounds and to make this area into a botanical garden. Thanks to this wonderful man, we are free from government restraints and politics.

By law, the young men from this county will have to register for the draft at this new post office, but the same arm of the government does not care to honor those who so bravely gave their lives and honor-

ably served their country.—*Harold G. Songer, Assistant Coordinator Korean-Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 1072, Danville, Ill. 61834-1072.*

**Thanks VFW**

I am writing this note to thank the VFW for its help in obtaining a WWI widow's pension for my mother. Without the help of the Service Officers of the Department of Connecticut and other officers who introduced me to him, it would not have been possible. The Service Officers' perseverance on my mother's behalf made it all possible. As a new member of the organization, I found the workers do carry out the rules of the charter: to aid needy veterans and their survivors.—*William J. Garvey, 48 Clinton Dr., South Windsor, Conn. 06074.*

**'Purple Shaft,' He Says**

I received the Purple Heart twice and spent 20 years in the Marines. I am 50% disabled now that I am retired. Military retirees get the honor and privilege of VA compensation deducted from our pensions. After going the extra nine yards to retire, it is like being penalized to forfeit a portion or all of retirement to become disabled. In Civil Service, VA compensation is not deducted from retirement. — *Harold S. Prew, Jr., 1042 Central Ave., Pawtucket, R.I. 02811.*

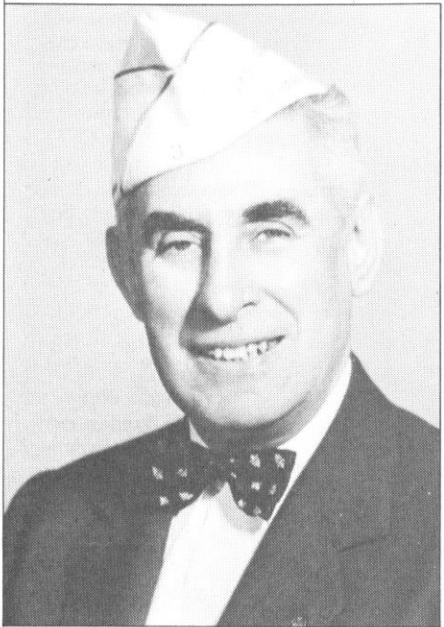
(Note: A suit is now in Federal Court in Washington challenging this policy.)

**Remember Chancellor?**

For a history of the Chancellor Hotel in San Francisco, I would appreciate receiving reminiscences and anecdotes from armed forces personnel who visited the Chancellor before heading off to join the Pacific fleet or upon their return to San Francisco at the end of WWII. Of particular interest are recollections of time spent at the hotel's Clipper Cocktail Lounge. — *Charlotte Knabel, c/o Chancellor Hotel, 433 Powell Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94102.*

**Past Chief Van Zandt Dies**

Past Commander-in-Chief James E. Van Zandt, who served in that office from 1932 to 1936 and 11 terms in Congress from his native Altoona, Pa., died Jan. 6 after a long illness. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. He was 87. A complete review of his life and contributions will appear in the March issue.

**Community Awards**

One Post has been awarded the National Silver Award of Excellence for Community Activities, and seven have won National Bronze Awards of Merit.

The Silver Award went to Post 5077, O'Fallon, Mo., for its efforts in organizing O'Fallon Safety Town, a safety program for children featuring a lifelike miniature community. The Post cooperated with the police in building O'Fallon Safety Town.

Winning Bronze Awards were Post 594, Norwich, Conn.; Post 9545, New Lenox, Ill.; Post 4431, Pana, Ill.; Post 4046, Shakopee, Minn.; Post 380, Montevideo, Minn.; Post 10600, Blairstown, N.J.; and Post 3770, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Post 594 sponsored Tribute to America, held each year in August honoring veterans of the nation's wars in connection with VJ Day.

Post 9545 sponsored POW/MIA public awareness events last July that included a candlelight ceremony. Post 4431 preserved the names of area men killed in American wars from the Civil War to more recent ones. Post 4046 sponsored a nearly week-long Memorial Day program featuring Medal of Honor recipient Gary Wetzel. Post 380 aided in establishing the Chippewa County Flags of Honor display. Post 10600 raised more than \$4,500 for the Statue of Liberty restoration. Post 3770 erected a memorial to area men who died in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

In announcing the awards, Commander-in-Chief John S. Staum praised each winner for the role it has played in improving the community where it is established.

**Rep. Boggs to Get Award**

Rep. Lindy (Mrs. Hale) Boggs (La.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has been chosen to receive the VFW Congressional Award at the annual Congressional Dinner honoring members of congress.

The dinner on March 4 will conclude the annual Mid-Winter Conference in Washington when VFW officers and committee members met to assess organizational progress midway in the administrative year and to apprise representatives and Senators of VFW positions.

During the conference, Commander-in-Chief John S. Staum will present VFW legislative recommendations to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees.

Rep. Boggs, whose citation is for "outstanding service to the nation," is a member of the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on HUD and Independent Agencies, which handles the annual VA appropriation.

She is the widow of the late Rep. Hale Boggs, who was killed in a plane crash in Alaska in October, 1972. In a special election in March, 1973, she was named to complete

his unexpired term and has been reelected ever since.

**Home Installs Trustees**

"We are looking ahead to a proud and positive future," Dr. Theodore Wilson, VFW National Home executive director, told Home trustees at their annual meeting last October.

"Our population is changing, and we have adapted our services to the times. We are instilling values — service to the community, education, patriotism, health and spirituality."

In response to VFW membership, he said, the Board of Trustees had agreed to open the guest lodge on the campus to VFW and Auxiliary members to provide sleeping quarters for visitors, but there will be no restaurant service. Rates have been set at \$25 a night for a double room, and \$20 for a single room. A large deficit had forced the lodge's closing.

Secretary Treasurer Joseph Epling suggested that Home Life Members notify Home authorities when they move since Posts do not always send in this information.

Introduced and installed during the meeting were newly-elected trustees Ronald G. Tyler, Sr., of District 3, and Vivian Walters, of District 4. Their oath was administered by Auxiliary Secretary Glenn Grossman and Home President Florence Taylor. Also sworn in were Epling and George Cholack, who was reelected attorney. Home Vice President Robert E. Hansen, a VFW Past Commander-in-Chief, was not present.

VFW Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Earl Stock equated the VFW National Home with motherhood, adding that it needs the protection of the VFW. He concluded: "I pledge to do what I can to promote the National Home and see that it will continue. Auxiliary National President Lucile Suchina pledged her organization's support for the Home and encouraged the Board of Trustees to call on the Auxiliary for assistance.

The Board of Trustees voted to include the Department of Germany in the Home's District 2.

### LEGISLATIVE

**New Public Laws:** Before the First Session of the 99th Congress adjourned, President Reagan signed into law several bills affecting veterans.

First was HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriation for Fiscal Year 1986, Public Law 99-160. It contains VA funding levels and is undoubtedly the most crucial piece of legislation affecting veterans each year. VA appropriation for Fiscal Year 1986, which began last Oct. 1, is \$26.1 billion, down \$285.5 million from the 1985 fiscal year. Last year, the VA appropriation was signed into law before the fiscal year began, but it was not until late November — almost two months into the fiscal year 1986 — that Congress passed this vital bill and delivered it to the President for his signature. While the overall appropriation is less than that of the last fiscal year, money for medical care rose slightly. When inflation is taken into consideration, however, the fiscal year 1986 medical care appropriation is actually less than it was in 1985. Medical care demand now exceeds the VA's ability to provide it. Thus some 30,000 lowest priority veterans a month — those with nonservice-connected disabilities — are being forced to seek treatment in community hospitals as welfare patients. There is also mounting evidence that the system is being challenged and is in danger of not being able to continue to deliver the high-quality health care we have come to expect.

Second was the VA Health-Care Amendments of 1985, now Public Law 99-166, enacted to make it easier for veterans to get treatment in non-VA facilities or to receive outpatient care. This will free expensive hospital beds for patients who need them most. A major provision: authorization of 25 VA geriatric research, education and clinical centers. Centers' primary function is to encourage research and treatment of diseases affecting the aging veteran. Before Public Law 99-166, there was authorization for 15 GRECCs of which ten are in operation. Other provisions: extension from Feb. 14, 1986, to Sept. 30, 1989, of the period during which certain veterans who were exposed to dioxin or other toxic substances in Vietnam or to ionizing radiation from nuclear detonations are eligible for priority VA health-care services for disabilities which may be related to such exposure; extension from Nov. 1, 1985, to Sept. 30, 1988, of VA authority to contract with halfway houses and other community treatment facilities for treatment of veterans with alcohol or drug problems; VA authorization to furnish psychological counseling upon request to any veteran who was a prisoner of war; direct admission of veterans in VA nursing homes, domiciliaries or hospital-based home care programs into a community nursing home rather than first be admitted to a VA hospital. PL 99-166 also enables veterans requiring nursing home care

for treatment of service-connected disabilities to continue to get such care without reauthorization every six months. The new law allows the VA to designate ten existing Vet Centers as Vietnam Veteran Resource Centers to provide counseling on all VA benefits and services. The Secretary of Labor is required to assign such personnel as appropriate to the Resource Centers to provide employment counseling, training, placement and related services. The maximum Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Veterans Group Life Insurance are raised from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The VA Administrator is to conduct at least one chiropractic case demonstration project in each of five geographic regions to evaluate the therapeutic benefits and cost effectiveness of chiropractic care for veterans with neuromusculoskeletal conditions. It will be limited to eligible veterans who received VA hospital care within the previous 12 months for the treatment of a neuromusculoskeletal condition of the spine. The VA is prohibited from implementing a systematic grade reduction to cut average salary costs of certain employees without first giving Congress a detailed plan and justification.

Third was the Debt Limit Extension, now Public Law 99-177. While originally not containing provisions directly relating to veterans, it was amended and now will affect virtually every U.S. citizen. Introduced by Sens. Phil Gramm, Warren Rudman and Ernest Hollings, it mandates that the President and Congress balance the federal budget by October, 1990. If the budget for any one of the next five years exceeds predetermined spending limits, the Administration and Congress are now required to reduce the funding levels of the various departments and agencies of the federal government by an amount prescribed in a complex formula. Certain programs have been exempted or protected from the additional budget cuts as called for in Public Law 99-177. Veterans' compensation and pension programs have been exempted totally from any further reductions as a result of the adoption of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Amendment. In addition, the medical care program has been granted special protection from deep cuts. The plan allows for only a maximum of a 1% cut the first year and a maximum of 2% in the remaining years.

**Recent Testimony:** The VFW recently appeared before the Subcommittee on Housing and Memorial Affairs of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee to voice its opposition to a VA plan to contract out more than half of the wage-group workforce now employed by the VA Department of Memorial Affairs. The VFW told the subcommittee that many problems will

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confront the department if these positions are contracted to the private sector, as was the case with Arlington. Of primary concern is VA's probable loss of control over the quality of work. VA management now has direct supervision over the labor force. Contracting would mean channeling dialogue through a "contracting office" before resolving problems or conflicts. Not being able to deal directly with the contract employees will jeopardize the high-quality system now in place. Subcommittee was told also that approximately 90% of the employees in question are eligible for veterans' preference. The VFW suggested that instead of removing veterans from their jobs, the positions should be reserved for veterans.

## SERVICE

**VA Joins NIH in AIDS Research:** VA has signed an interagency agreement to join the National Institutes of Health in the search for safe and effective drugs for the treatment of AIDS. Investigators at the Baltimore VA Medical Center will test promising antiviral compounds selected by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which will provide the \$850,000 funding for the five-year project. Dr. Paul M. Hoffman, associate chief of staff for research and development at the Baltimore facility and one of the investigators for the project, said the team will use mice in a controlled laboratory environment introducing retroviruses that produce symptoms similar to those seen in human AIDS.

**Deficit Reduction Hits Retirees:** Military and other federal retirees did not get their 3.1% cost-of-living allowance in January checks as expected. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill was signed on Dec. 12 by President Reagan. Next day, his Office of Management and Budget directed Defense Department to eliminate the expected COLAs from January checks.

**VA Home Loan Rates Down Further:** On Dec. 12, VA announced lower home interest rates. They are now 10.5% for homes and condominiums, 10.75% for graduated payment mortgage loans and 12% for home improvement and energy conservation loans.

**GI Insurance 1986 Dividend Payout to Set Record:** More than 3.3 million veterans who have kept their GI life insurance policies in force will share a record high annual dividend distribution this year totaling \$905 million. VA Administrator Harry N. Walters said the higher dividend payout is due to lower death rates among policyholders and high interest earnings on the insurance funds' investments. The figure is \$106.2 million more than that paid out in 1985, when policyholders shared an annual dividend of \$798.8 million. Each policyholder will receive the 1986 dividend in the month of the anniversary date of the policy. No application is necessary.

Some 2.8 million World War II veterans who kept their National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) in force will receive an average \$283 dividend. The total dividend distribution on these policies is \$784.8 million. The newer Veterans Special Life Insurance (VSLI) will pay out a \$69.7 million to 340,358 policyholders, for an average dividend of \$205.

## SECURITY

**Soviets Gaining in Pacific:** In a year-end assessment of "The Power Balance," the Washington Times Insight magazine focused on Soviet military strides in Southeast Asia, where their policy is to project their naval and air forces outward. Their Far Eastern Command on Lake Baikal in Siberia enables them to conduct warfare independent of the Warsaw Pact. Continued fortification of Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam aids their Pacific fleet, now Soviets' largest, a third of Soviet navy. Fifty-five divisions, double figure of 15 years ago, are deployed in wide arc along Sino-Soviet border through Mongolia to the Kurile Islands off Japan. Insight quotes Pentagon officials as saying balance is "too close to call." Pacific, as in World War II, is still a naval-air theater, says Insight. Only Vietnam in region could be classed as Soviet ally. Chinese have six ICBMs, 50 MRBs and 12 SLBMs, nearly four million in armed forces, 55,000 on western and northeastern borders with USSR. Soviet Far Eastern Theater Command is estimated to have 53 divisions of 10,500 troops each, 44 of them thought to be on Chinese border. Chinese Peoples Liberation Army has 11,450 tanks, plus 120 medium-range bombers capable of delivering nuclear weapons. In Pacific, Soviets have 88 submarines, compared to the 20 with the U.S. 7th Fleet. Question for U.S. is the Philippines where internal problems cast a shadow over future of Clark Air Base and Subic Bay naval base after leases expire in 1991. U.S. has 15,360 troops in Philippines and docking facilities for 7th Fleet of some 23 combat ships, three carriers and the 20 subs.

**VFW Backs Dutch on Cruise Missiles:** Commander-in-Chief John S. Staum has congratulated the Netherlands for willingness to deploy U.S. cruise missiles to offset Soviet buildup of SS-20 rockets. Staum told Dutch Ambassador Richard Fein in a letter: "The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is proud of the supportive action taken by the people of the Netherlands and its government in their decision on the cruise missiles. The decision to deploy the cruise missiles shows the courage and unity which is essential for a strong NATO. We in the VFW know that this was a crucial decision and we express our congratulations on this victory for allied unity."

# Minneapolis Convention



## Conventions Love Minneapolis

In Minneapolis, conventions come and then come again. The VFW National Convention is no exception, for the 87th, scheduled in half of the Twin Cities from Aug. 15 to 22, will be the third to be held there since the end of World War II.

To save two dollars on the eight-dollar registration fee, VFW National Headquarters recommends early registration, which can be accomplished by filling out the accompanying coupon and sending it in.

Nearly 400 conventions on the average come to Minneapolis every year. Like the VFW's 87th, many of them come for encore assemblies or plan to return soon.

With outstanding accommodations and services available for every need, Minneapolis is an ideal convention planner's destination choice. And the prime choice for most is the downtown Minneapolis Auditorium and Convention Hall, also called the Convention Center, site of the 87th's business sessions.

Versatile facilities and excellent services distinguish the Convention Center. It comfortably can handle groups of more than 20,000. Its convention hall has 93,000 square feet of unrestricted floor space, 40-to-45-foot ceiling and an unlimited load capacity. Above the convention hall are 23 adjustable meeting rooms. Adjacent to it is the Convention Center's auditorium, which holds up to 9,000 persons. Beneath the

auditorium is an exhibit hall with 34,000 square feet of floor space, a 31-foot ceiling and seating available for 2,500.

The Convention Center also is endowed with a cafeteria and dining area seating 450, the oak-paneled Plaza Lounge for receptions and parties and an in-house caterer. In addition to its current amenities, the Convention Center management has plans to add an additional 200,000 square feet, so it can better provide for the larger conventions.

In the meantime, Minneapolis's downtown hotels adequately complement the Convention Center's attributes. With more than 120,000 square feet of usable floor space among them, and 141 exhibit areas, the hotels have a total meeting capacity for more than 13,000. And the hotels provide the finest in sleeping comfort. More than 14,000 of the city's first-class hotel rooms are within a 10-mile radius of the Con-

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On that day in 1988, Sydney harbor will witness a Parade of Tall Ships. The U.S. Coast Guard vessel Eagle will be there, and throughout the year special cultural presentations, exhibitions and military and sporting events will be held. The Adelaide Festival of Arts in March, similar festivals in Perth and Melbourne, and a world exposition, Expo 88 in Brisbane, from May to October, are some of the highlights. Military events will be an important part of the celebrations, including an international naval review, an air show in Sydney and a military Tattoo in all the capital cities. U.S. military forces will be well represented, and American veterans who served or enjoyed R&R "down under" will be especially welcome.

In addition to military forces, American participation will star a major U.S. symphony orchestra, a top ballet company and a famous modern dance group. Other planned American events include high school marching bands, choral groups, brass bands, sports teams and a space exhibition.

If unit organizations which saw service in Australia wish to go to Australia as a group, the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL) has indicated it would assist in making contact with the American units' former Australian mates. The American Australian Bicentennial Foundation in Washington, a private non-profit organization, established at the request of the U.S. State Department, is prepared to help establish contact with the RSL, if desired. The foundation, however, cannot become involved in travel or other arrangements. For that, contact your travel agent. Several travel agencies have indicated they intend to arrange special tours for former U.S. servicemen. Foundation address is 1910 K Street, NW, Suite 711, Washington, D.C. 20006.

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# Deterrence Is Name of NATO's Game

By M/Sgt. Steve Taylor, USAF, and  
JOC Terry Barnhouse, USN

NATO means deterrence, a concept that has successfully prevented aggression against alliance nations for more than three decades.

To keep this reason for NATO's existence alive and well in the minds of the people of NATO's 16 nations and in the mind of any potential aggressor, Allied Forces Southern Europe last fall completed three major exercises throughout its region in conjunction with NATO's Autumn Forge series.

Display Determination 85 that took place in southern Europe from Sept. 15 to Oct. 23 was the first. It was under American Adm. Lee Baggett, Jr., who commands Allied Forces Southern Europe.

ranean. It concluded the series on Nov. 15.

Autumn Forge exercises, begun in 1975, have been held annually in the ACE area between northern Norway and eastern Turkey. Goals are improvement in combat readiness, enhancement of ACE crisis management and a demonstration of Allied solidarity and preparedness.

Participating in Display Determination were Italy, Portugal, Turkey and the U.S. France, not a part of NATO's integrated military structure, joined with naval and air forces.

Regional ground and air forces practiced land and air combat in Sardinia, northeast Italy and Turkish Thrace. Amphibious forces and carrier-based tactical aircraft conducted power projection training.

played the aggressor role. After this, some 7,000 troops from Italy, Portugal and the U.S. trained together for a dozen days in northeast Italy.

These Alpine paratroopers, pilots and soldiers practiced in the Allied Land Forces Southern Europe Area (LANDSOUTH) their mission of defending the area and preventing an enemy from gaining access to the highly industrialized Po Valley of Italy. This began on Sept. 16.

Mechanized and armored units, Alpine brigades, surface-to-air missiles, combat and logistic support units and aircraft took part. They used modern and improved vehicles and weapons like the Leopard tank, the TOW anti-tank missile, the Lance surface-to-surface missile and the Hawk air defense missile. All result from modernizing forces, a high priority among Southern Region nations.

Commander of the 213th Airborne Co. of the Portuguese Army's 21st Battalion, Lt. Agostino Dias Da Costa commented on the multinational training exercise in northeast Italy:

"Our paratroop drop with the Italians was unique in that it was the first time my company participated in international maneuvers. During an exercise like this, we are able to show that our training is correct for the needs of others. We proved we can fulfill our mission."

Over the rolling hills near Novara, the Italian III Corps Curatone Armored Brigade and Portuguese airborne platoons simulated eliminating an enemy airborne landing at an airfield.

In the valley of Mt. Peralba near the Italian-Austrian border, an armored task force of the IV Corps Alpine Julia Brigade and Portuguese airborne platoons together established a position in mountainous terrain.

Julia Brigade artillery commander, Lt. Col. Casimiro Formentin, explained: "To understand fully this

Italian soldiers from the 40th Alpine Artillery Battery fire their 105mm pack howitzer at a live fire exercise during NATO's Archway Express in Turkish Thrace.

Photo by MSgt. Boyd Belcher USAF

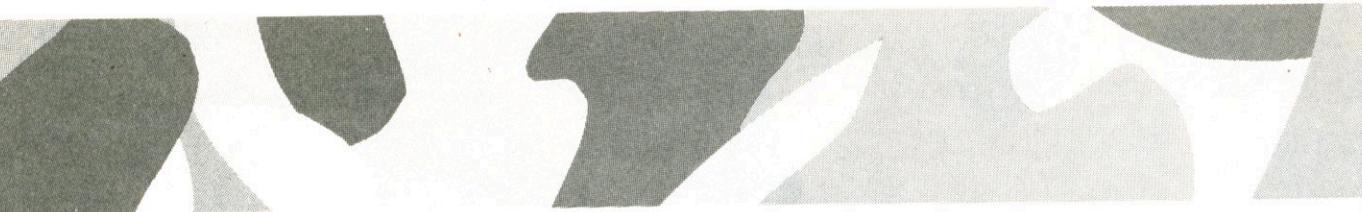
It tested combat effectiveness, readiness and coordination of Allied land, air and sea forces while demonstrating the ability to defend and reinforce NATO's Southern Region.

Second was Archway Express 85 that showed cooperation among nine NATO nations. Objective was to exercise Allied Command Europe's (ACE) Allied Mobile Force (AMF) with Turkish forces.

Third was the month-long Deterrent Force 2/85, a naval exercise that was the 31st activation of NATO's Naval On Call Force Mediter-

Italian and U.S. Marines underwent amphibious training in Sardinia. Maritime forces took part by supporting ground and air forces in northeast Italy and Turkish Thrace, as well as by practicing naval warfare.

An amphibious assault and landing in Sardinia by 1,500 U.S. Marines from the 22nd Amphibious Unit, the U.S. Navy's Amphibious Readiness Group, Amphibious Squadron 4 and San Marco Battalion of Italian marines began Display Determination. Italians from the Ariete Division



specialized group, you must understand our history. Normally, the soldiers who are born in the rugged terrain are experienced in mountain climbing. But today, a third of the climbers have been trained only in the past 40 days. They performed well, and though the weather today allowed for the fine showing, one must consider that the weather for us here is bad 70% of the time." (During WWI, the Alpine unit fought for Austria against Italy before the region, then under the Hapsburgs, became Italy's after the war.)

Later that week, an air countermission against an air base was sponsored by the 5th Allied Tactical Air Force, headquartered at Vicenza, Italy. It directs planning and operations for Allied activities of the Italian and U.S. Air Forces in Italy.

On the final observer day, in the dry river bed of Celine-Meduna, the Italian V Corps Pozzuolo del Friuli Armored Brigade employed armored units and airmobile forces with U.S. infantrymen of D Co., 4th Battalion, 8th Infantry, from Mannheim, West Germany.

Among the 300 observers of the final day's events were Italian Defense Minister Giovanni Spadolini, Adm. Baggett and Italian Army Gen. Giorgio Donati, commander of LANDSOUTH.

Spadolini told the troops the armed forces are modern, efficient, professionally-prepared and motivated, all necessary factors in maintaining a balance between world forces. He expressed confidence that working together, Western nations have the power to solve problems

growing out of international crises.

Archway Express 85 came next for the Southern Region. In Turkish Thrace, the objective was to use ACE's AMF with Turkish forces. AMF, NATO's highly-mobile immediate-reaction force, consists of land and air components. It is designed to deploy quickly to a threatened ACE area as a deterrent.

Created in 1960, AMF contains land and air units from Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. U.S. land forces are permanently in Europe. Other national units remain in their own countries until deployed with AMF.

AMF frequently participates in exercises where it could be deployed in a crisis, such as NATO's vital



**The exploding building was photographed in Candelio/Massazza when Portuguese paratroopers made an air drop, destroying the air field, air control and warning radar at the 3d Corps Observer Day event during Display Determination 85.**

Photo by SSgt Jerry Baker USAF



flanks, where member nations have common frontiers with the Soviet Union or its satellites. Turkey and Norway both border the USSR.

Commanded by Canadian Maj. Gen. Andrew Christie, AMF deployed to Turkey with 5,200 troops and more than 1,500 vehicles for the three-week exercise. Most went by air, their equipment by sea. This was the first AMF phase. Each nation brought its AMF-assigned units. Some were self-sufficient. Others shared tasks like AMF supply and logistics. Others furnished services to all units. For example, the central bakery supplied baked goods and the Italians a field hospital. It took only six days for the force to be in place and ready for deterrent operations, phase two. A Belgian officer on patrol called this part "showing

During the deterrent phase, many multinational training opportunities arose. West German Army and Royal Air Force helicopters and Turkish commandos took part in air assault. Belgian and Turkish maintenance personnel worked together on Mirage II fighters.

AMF medical care was handled by the Italian 101st Field Hospital, split into four self-sufficient elements. Each had its own task in the field. Ambulance points on the front lines supported aid stations of the units in action. An intermediate clearing station was responsible for further treatment at this full-operational mobile surgical unit. Critical cases were sent to the field hospital in the staging area. From there, casualties were evacuated. An Italian Army aviation detachment also was at-

were real — influenza, sprained ankles, a broken leg — from AMF soldiers and airmen.

AMF land forces also were supported by the air component. Italian F-104s were deployed to Eskisehir Air Base on photo reconnaissance. Belgian Mirages and West German Alpha jets went to Balekisir and Bandirma Air Bases for close air support. In all, 50 aircraft supported AMF operations out of three Turkish fields.

**Showing the flag is important. A potential aggressor knows NATO forces will defend their territory.**

AMF marked its 25th anniversary on Oct. 9 with a parade at the Corlu airfield, with units from all AMF nations taking part with reviews of troops and equipment as AMF planes from five nations flew over.

NATO's supreme commander, Gen. Bernard Rogers, told the troops he acknowledged Turkey's support, which is consistent with this nation's steady support of crucial alliance programs."

Remarking on the sacrifices the Turkish people make to preserve "peace with freedom," Rogers said:

"Turkey shares the longest border with Warsaw Pact of any alliance nation. To meet defensive needs, Turkey maintains the largest standing force of any European member of the alliance and provides several bases for NATO forces."

Archway Express 85 moved into its five-day phase on Oct. 10. This



the flag." Squads from each of the units man the patrols. Units may be infantry, like the Belgian 1st Para-Commando Battalion, or armored such as the U.K.'s 16th Light Dragoons, equipped with Scorpion, Scimitar, Spartan and Striker tracked vehicles.

Showing the flag is important, because it lets a potential aggressor know that NATO forces are ready to defend their territory, and it gives the local population confidence that NATO is prepared, the Belgian explained.

tached to the medical unit for evacuation.

Except for the field hospital, the unit moved with the AMF. A squadron of the British Royal Signals provided communications for the field hospital and AMF field headquarters. Just behind the front lines was the clearing station.

"As soon as we get the word, we can pack up and move out in 90 minutes," explained Maj. Gianluigi Palestro, medical unit commander.

While some of the 101st's activities were training exercises, most cases





included operational procedures, coordination with Turkish forces and testing communications. A major assault by Turkish 5th Army troops and armor, playing the "orange forces," took place against AMF positions on Oct. 11. Two days later, Turkish forces, lifted in by German and British helicopters, conducted an air mobile assault on the AMF logistical base. Defenders were Belgian, British, U.S. and West German units. The redeployment phase, the return to home stations, began on Oct. 16 and lasted a week.

NATO's second exercise in Turkish Thrace was the final portion of Display Determination 85. Elements of the U.S. 82nd Airborne and Turkish paratroopers dropped near Kasan Air Base, consolidated the drop zone and moved on the air base itself.

Southern Region air forces that took part in Display Determination were the NATO Airborne Early Warning Force and Turkish and U.S. air components. A 388th Tactical Fighter Wing deployed F-16s from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to Akhisar Air Base in Turkey and flew several different types of missions with the Turkish Air Force. Turkey soon will acquire 160 F-16s through a joint project with General Dynamics as part of its force modernization. U.S. Navy carrier-based aircraft supported ground troops.

Deterrent Force 2/85, carried out by ships of NATO's Southern Region — Italy, Turkey, the U.S. and U.K. — included training in most aspects of naval warfare, communications, seamanship and replenishment at sea. Commander of the exercise was Italian Adm. Giasone Piccioni, who heads Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe. During their activation, the ships visited at least four Mediterranean ports.

These exercises showed why NATO has been able to deter aggression for 37 years and will continue to do so as long as it is needed. ■

## NATO's Needs in South

NATO's Southern Region needs improvements in air and sea power and more and better land forces weapons systems to assure NATO nations' defense and survival.

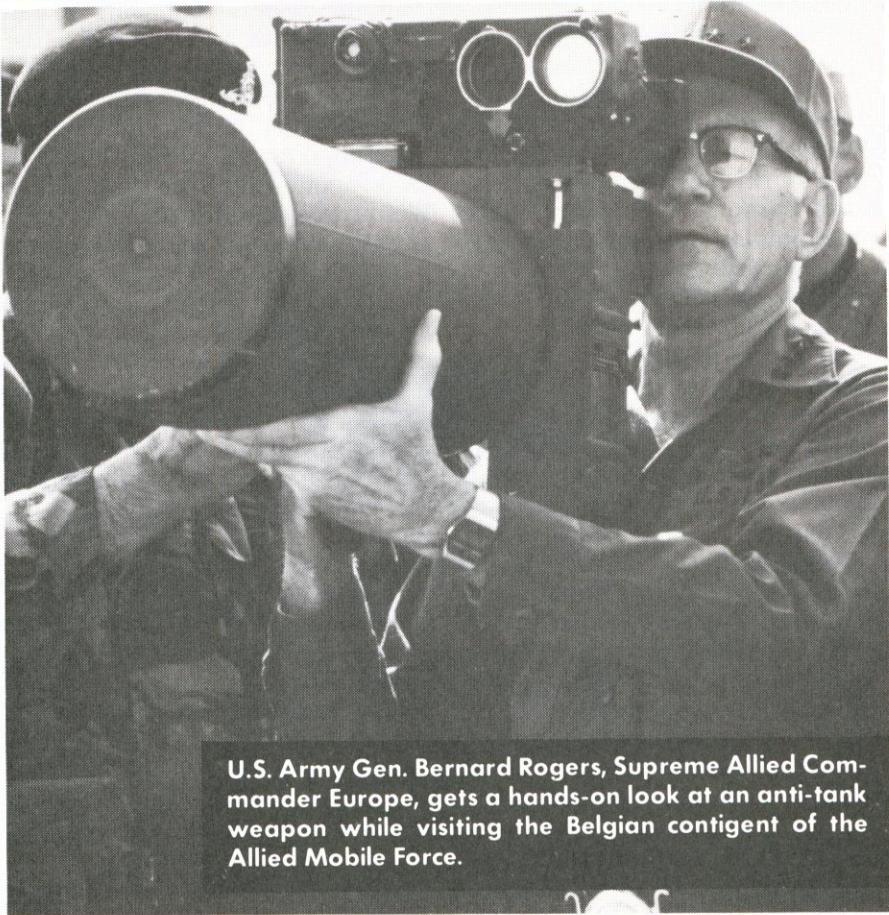
Aircraft modernization is now underway. Greece is adding the F-16 and Mirage 2000 to its air force, while Italy is introducing the multi-role Tornado. Turkey will co-produce the F-16 for its forces.

Turkish pilots who flew the F-16s deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, for Display Determination 85 praised the plane and the skill of the American flyers. They also were pleased with their own F-5s and

their pilots. Turkish officers say the F-5 is unsophisticated, and they have to encourage the pilots to be aggressive.

Under Turkey's \$4.5 billion agreement with General Dynamics to build aircraft engines over the next 10 years under a joint venture, Turkey provides \$1 billion, General Dynamics \$1.5 billion and the remainder will come from U.S. military grants and credits.

Italy is upgrading ships for the Southern Region naval forces. The new Girabaldi helicopter carrier is an example. Turkey is acquiring four Meko-200 class frigates and 12 Type-209 submarines from West Germany. Greece is planning to build torpedo boats and frigates.



**U.S. Army Gen. Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, gets a hands-on look at an anti-tank weapon while visiting the Belgian contingent of the Allied Mobile Force.**

Photo by MSgt. Boyd Belcher USAF

# Disinformation: Lying as Policy

By Bill Gertz

When Ladislav Bittman defected from the Czechoslovak intelligence service shortly after the Soviet Union and four other Warsaw Pact "allies" invaded his country in August, 1968, he thought he had seen the last of Communist schemes to deceive and manipulate Western publics.

In the years since his break with the East, however, Bittman says he continues to see Soviet "disinformation" operations reported in the Western press as legitimate news.

Now a journalism professor at an East Coast university and teaching under an assumed name, Bittman was one of the first defectors from the Soviet Bloc to reveal the scope and nature of Communist efforts to undermine Western societies through covert operations.

He personally directed hundreds of such operations as deputy director of the Czechoslovak spy service, operations designed to discredit the Soviets' "main enemy" — the United States — through carefully orchestrated campaigns to manipulate public opinion to influence actions of foreign governments. He worked in Asia, Western Europe and Latin America from 1954 to 1968.

"Disinformation is like public relations in reverse," Bittman said during a recent Washington interview. A 14-year veteran of Czechoslovak espionage, he has just completed a new book on his experiences, "The KGB and Disinformation: An Insider's View." Another Czechoslovak defector who left after him told Bittman the Soviets had planned to kidnap him and return him to Czechoslovakia through Cuba. His torture would have been filmed and his interrogation would have been shown to intelligence service recruits as a warning.

Based on his experience in running a network of Western European journalists who operated as Soviet Bloc spies, Bittman suspects the

Soviets have been able to recruit a number of American newsmen into their ranks.

"American journalists are just as vulnerable [to recruitment] as journalists in any other country — they can be blackmailed, they can be bought, they can be pushed to the wall just like anybody else," Bittman said. He added, however, Americans are one of the most difficult recruitment targets, particularly inside the U.S., since they tend to be more skeptical and less likely to be fooled by spies.

## **"Disinformation is like public relations in reverse."**

In one case, Bittman said he collaborated with a prominent leftist American journalist who wrote a book critical of U.S. policies. The journalist met Bittman, and the two negotiated for the Czechoslovaks to assist in publishing the 1967 book in Western Europe. He declined to identify the journalist since the writer did not know Bittman was a spy for Czechoslovakia when he unwittingly agreed to allow the publishers to print the book. As it turned out, the publishing house was owned entirely by the Czechoslovak spy service.

"As a former specialist, I am certain there are a number of journalists who were recruited by the Soviets," Bittman said. He would not name names, but in his book he identifies four American journalists suspected of having operated as Soviet spies at one time in their careers: one was a foreign editor of the now defunct but once staunchly conservative New York Herald-Tribune, two others were correspondents for CBS and ABC, and another was a former editor of the Madison, Wis., Capital-Times.

Soviet agent journalists are not required by their handlers to write

direct Soviet translations in most cases, Bittman said. Case officers are more subtle; they provide agents with an outline of the type of information the Soviets want to see publicized. Usually it is mildly supportive of Soviet official positions or only indirectly supportive. In most cases the Soviets try to plant damaging or misleading information carefully spliced together from facts, half-truths and outright lies.

Disinformation has come to public attention only within the past few years. Defectors like Bittman and former KGB men Anatoliy Golitsin, Ilya Dzhirkvalov and Stanislav Levchenko were among the first to alert Western intelligence services to the important role the Soviets place on disinformation.

Then in 1980, the bestselling novel "The Spike" by Arnaud de Borchgrave and Robert Moss brought widespread international public attention to media disinformation. Lately, scholars such as Georgetown University's Roy Godson and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Professor Richard Shultz (co-authors of "Dezinformatzia") have begun to examine the foreign policy aspects and systematic use of Soviet disinformation.

Deception in warfare is not new and dates back to ancient times. But disinformation today has taken on new dimensions through its use first by Nazi Germany and after World War II by a totalitarian empire motivated by Communist ideology. Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev is credited by experts with raising disinformation to a strategic level by his re-politicizing of the KGB in the late 1950s. Under Khrushchev, the KGB was reorganized from Stalin's personal service into Lenin's original concept of the "sword and shield of the Communist Party." The reorganization included the setting up of Department D — for disinformation and active measures — that place

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# Threat From Below

By Robert F. Mackness

Every day, somewhere in the world, a dead-earnest game of hide-and-seek is in progress, played by teams of highly-trained young men riding multi-million-dollar vehicles—Soviet submariners versus crews of free world ships and aircraft.

Thousands of chance encounters have added up to a worldwide shadow war that has been going on for 40 years, without letup, regardless of the ups and downs of arms negotiations and détente.

Only a few unconnected hints of this shadow war make your daily newspaper.

There was the Whiskey class submarine that ran aground off Sweden. The newspapers loved that. "Whiskey on the Rocks," they called it. Then there was the unlucky Russian skipper who decided to surface just in time to be bumped by an American aircraft carrier in the Sea of Japan. And you may recall the Soviet submarine that tangled itself in a string of hydrophones being towed by a US Navy ship off Norfolk, Va.

These incidents are like the snippets of shows you see when you flip a TV dial. Red Navy submarines prowl the sea, constantly, everywhere.

"Whiskey on the Rocks" was one of dozens of incidents that convinced the Scandinavians their long and tortuous coast is being systematically scouted for amphibious landings in a possible future war.

The collision in the Sea of Japan involved a Soviet submarine watching a joint US-Allied exercise — a common practice. The skipper had been under continuous surveillance during the exercise, but on that particular night, when operations were virtually shut down, he violated the "rules of the road" normally observed by both navies while spying on each other's exercises.

And the unhappy sub skipper east of the Virginia Capes was just one of several who patrol constantly off both U.S. coasts, ready to lob missiles into this country's heartland at a moment's notice.

You normally don't hear about these prowlers and intruders: the

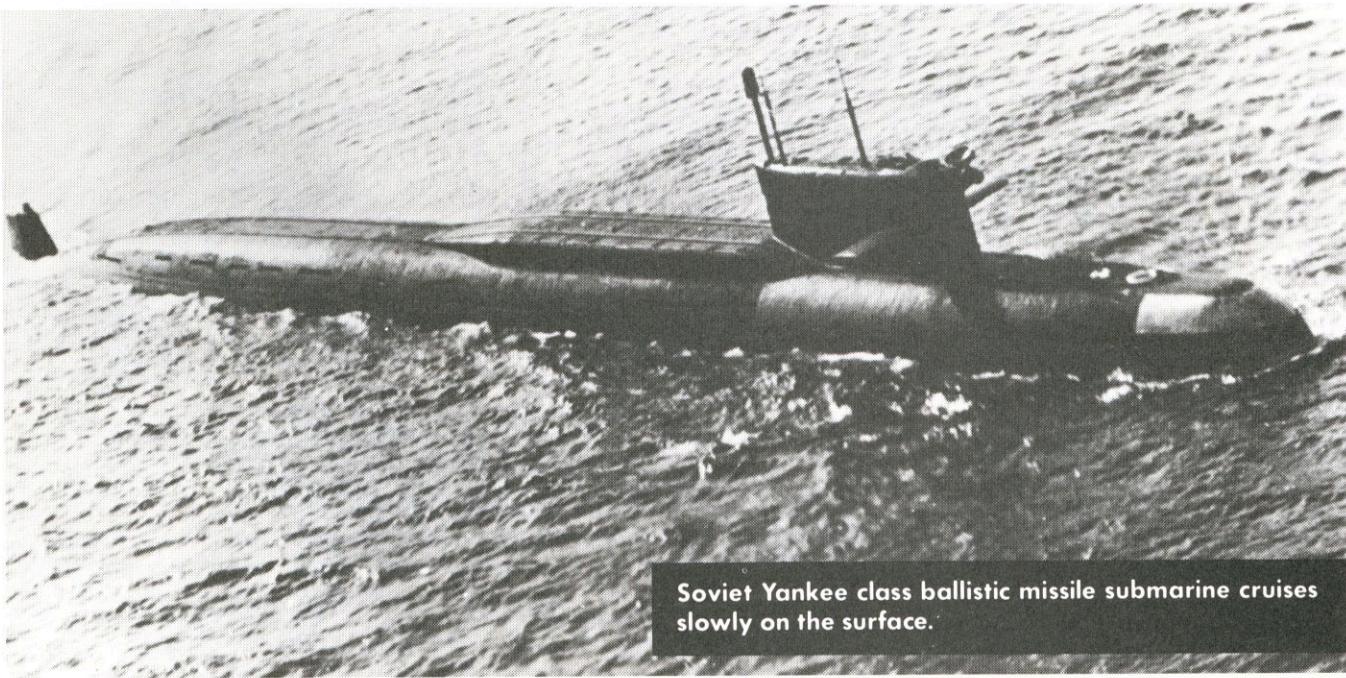
attack subs stationed in the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean; the missile boats that cruise along the great island arc curving south and west from Siberia to Indo-China; or those that shuttle between Murmansk and Africa.

You also don't hear much about the vast efforts the U.S. Navy and other Western fleets expend to keep track of all those submarines — and to be ready to destroy them if a hot war does flare up.

This worldwide hide-and-seek is hidden less by military secrecy than by its location at sea, where civilians seldom go. The nature of the game is such that even if you were out there in a plane or ship, you couldn't see what was going on.

How did such a huge and expensive game get started? The answer grows out of history, about which Soviet military people are very serious.

Nazi U-boats nearly brought Britain to her knees in World War II. Until mid-1943, they were sinking Allied cargo ships faster than U.S. and British shipyards could build



Soviet Yankee class ballistic missile submarine cruises slowly on the surface.



replacements.

The Germans inflicted this punishment with less than a half-hearted effort. They entered the war with only 57 submarines, half of them unfit for bluewater operations. Of course, they built more later, but they seldom had as many as 60 at sea at any one time.

The USSR now has six times that many. Of these, 62 are ballistic missile boats (SLBMs), 17 are obsolete missile carriers now being used or converted to other uses, and some 280 are attack submarines, designed for the same anti-ship work as the World War II U-boats.

Adm. Sergei Gorshkov, father of the Soviet navy, has said, the submarine is the capital ship of a modern navy. Obviously, he believes what he says. His navy has the

world's largest submarine force, with more nuclear subs and more SLBM's than all other navies combined.

If the Nazis could come so close to cutting the sealanes between North America and Europe with 50 or 60 submarines, what could the Soviets' 280 attack submarines do in a third world war? It sounds like one of those questions that answers itself. But it really isn't.

First, let's dispose of the pat answer: "Who cares?" A war would kill us all with an exchange of nuclear missiles."

You can't plan beyond the first shot for a scenario like that. But it isn't very smart thinking because nuclear war may not be the only alternative to peace.

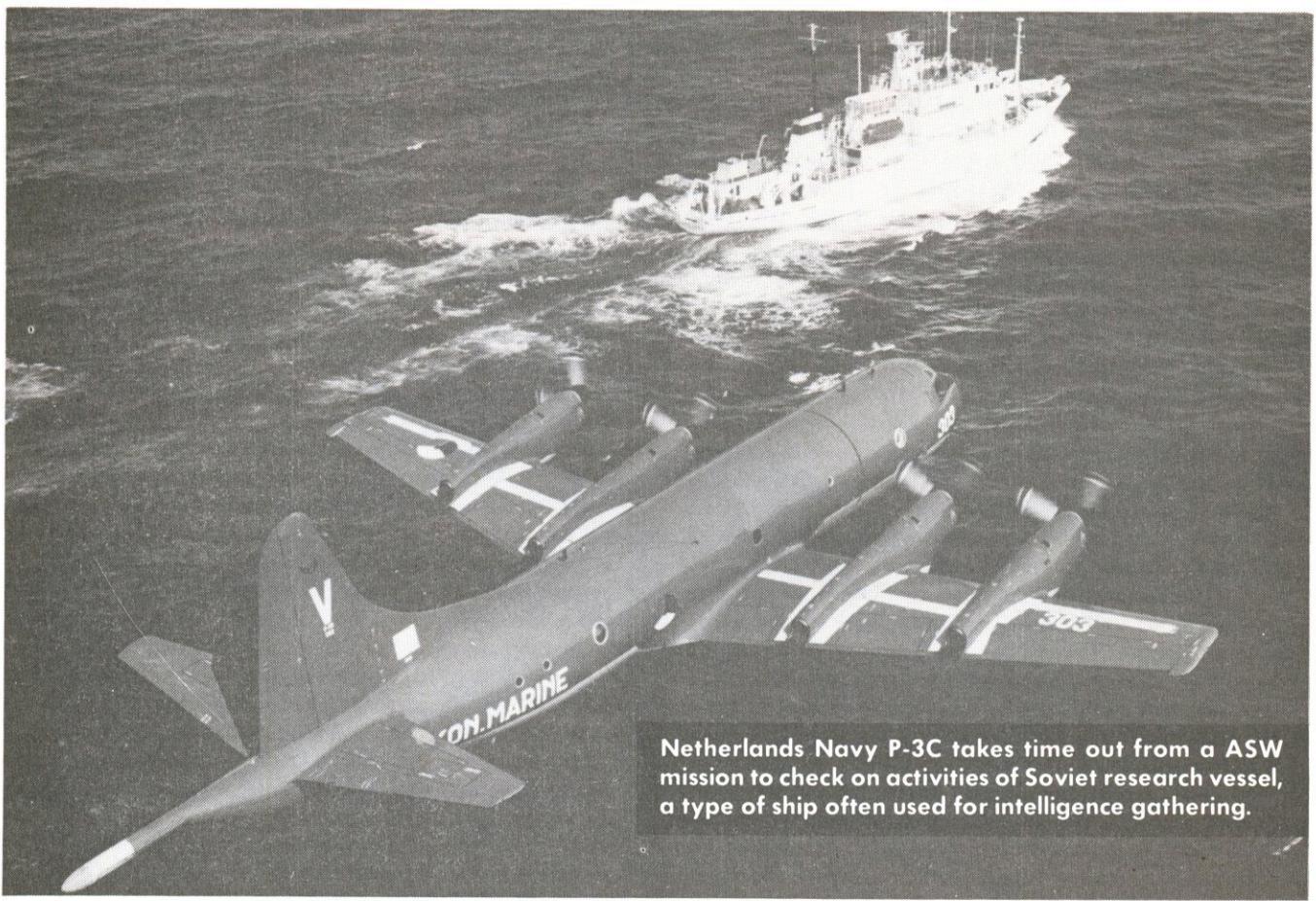
Consider the implications of the nuclear standoff: Whoever starts a

missile exchange has to expect retaliation. The Russians are probably no more interested in mutual suicide than we are.

Strengthening the stalemate and reducing the number of weapons are the main points of our strategy in dealing with the USSR. But success in maintaining the standoff does not necessarily mean an indefinite extension of peace between the superpowers because wars are started by political differences, not weapons.

In fact, the specter of nuclear Armageddon may have frightened both sides away from war more than once over the past 40 years. You could even argue that none of the lesser wars since 1945 would have erupted if both sides had had nuclear weapons.

So it is becoming more and more



**Netherlands Navy P-3C takes time out from a ASW mission to check on activities of Soviet research vessel, a type of ship often used for intelligence gathering.**



plausible to imagine a World War III — fought with conventional weapons. But a future "Great War" without nuclear weapons would be like World War II — only more so. It seems prudent to be prepared to win it if we can't avoid it.

This is where the deadly earnest hide-and-seek shadow war becomes important.

In a non-nuclear war, a high priority task of the Red Navy would be to restrict the action to European soil. Britain was saved the last time and France and the rest of Nazi-occupied Western Europe liberated because ships brought men and supplies from the Western Hemisphere. The Russians count on their attack submarines to prevent a repeat performance.

The answer to the Soviet submarine armada is not to build a navy like theirs. The answer is ASW — Anti-Submarine Warfare.

Today's ASW is radically different from the World War II variety, mainly because the submarine has become a different animal.

In the '40s, submarines spent most of their time on the surface. The best of them could travel submerged at about six knots. Their principal adversary was the destroyer.

Modern submarines are more at home submerged than surfaced, and they can outrun destroyers.

During World War II, seeds germinated for what grew into present-day ASW technology. Airplanes, which previously had served as scouts in this work, began actually fighting submarines. Today, they are the principal ASW vehicles. It had to happen. The hunter can never make a kill unless he can get within weapons range.

ASW has become a weird kind of combat. Hunters and quarry seldom see each other, so crewmen in an ASW airplane must depend on artificial senses to locate their targets.

Typically, their first alert is a report that a submarine has crossed a

string of hydrophones (underwater microphones) lying on the sea bottom across a choke point like the Greenland-Iceland gap. They fly out to that general area and drop sonobuoys into the sea. These are tubes about three feet long that float upright, lower a hydrophone to a preset depth and listen for a submarine.

They convert propeller and machinery sounds to radio signals which they transmit to the airplane. These sounds are imbedded in a jumble of other noises — clicks and gurgles of fish, whistles of porpoises, squeaks and groans of ice floes.

In the airplane, electronic equipment sorts out the submarine noises, matches the patterns of their frequencies against a computer library of similar sound profiles and tells the crew what class of vessel has

moving target, tells the pilot where to steer the plane and signals the crew when to launch its weapons.

The procedure gets more complicated in a place like the Mediterranean where a shallow bottom can distort sound signals, and the junk of a thousand wars and shipwrecks can befuddle the MAD system. In such situations, the crew can verify a suspected target by looking at it with the infrared detection system — much like using a video camera sensitive to heat rays instead of light. The crew sees a remarkably clear picture of a submerged vessel if the water is shallow.

This high technology computerized sub-hunting is expensive. Half the price of an ASW airplane is for its avionics. The money spent on the aircraft fleet, however, is a small



The U.S. Navy with an ASW patrol squadron in Bermuda uses reserve squadrons to supplement the regulars. Here, maintenance personnel move a "black box" to a shop for repairs.

been detected. It also determines approximately how far away the target is and in what direction.

To get a more precise location, the crew check this approximate location with the Magnetic Anomaly Detection (MAD) system. This equipment monitors the earth's magnetic field. A large mass of iron like a submarine makes a dimple in this geomagnetic field, which the MAD system detects and pinpoints. Precise navigation gear, tied into the same computer that processes detection signals, keeps track of the

fraction of what it would cost to buy and operate enough destroyers and frigates to cover the same vast surveillance job.

What is most important is that it works. The sub can't outrun its hunter; and the airplane actually does find, track and simulate attacks on submarines.

The U.S. and its allies now fly approximately 1,000 fixed-wing aircraft on this mission, more than half of them land-based P-3 Orions. These

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# The Luminous Foxes

The official record indicates the presence of Army "war dogs" on the battlefield; the Navy once considered the use of pigeons as the key to a guidance system in the pioneering stage of its missile program — and just about everybody knows pigeons were once used for communication in combat situations.

Perhaps, then, it should not come as any great surprise that during World War II the Office of Strategic Services once mobilized some foxes as part of the invasion plans for the Japanese home island.

The story of Operation Foxes is one of the best kept secrets of that war. It concerns 30 of the strangest fighting units ever conceived in the art of warfare.

When V-J Day finally came, these veterans of the plains and forests were being groomed to spearhead the invasion of Japan. It is fortunate that the Japanese government surrendered when it did because Operation Foxes was designed to scare the living daylights out of the Japanese people.

The prestigious OSS deserves full credit for the idea, but career Army and Navy officers who were involved in it still remain embarrassed when admitting to its existence. The cloak and dagger agency people, however, maintained the war might have been shortened by many months if they could have gotten their foxes onto the beaches.

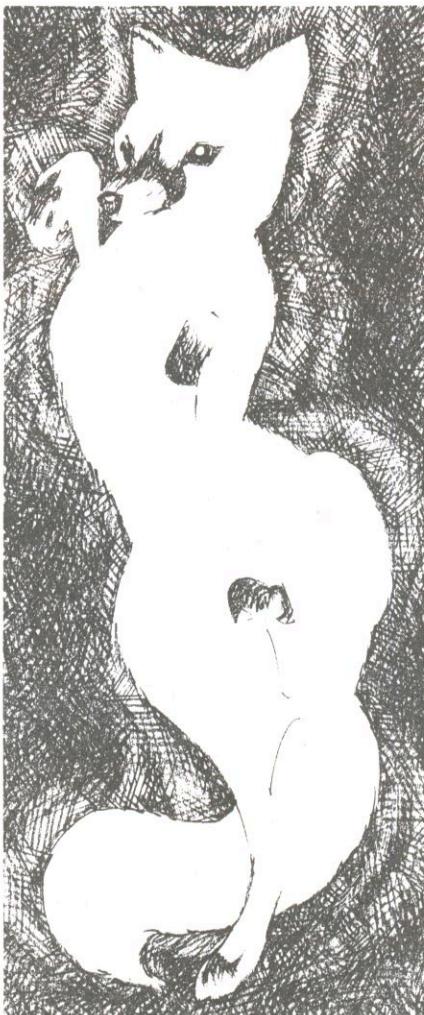
Actually it was some college researchers, professorial types, who first conceived the idea. Psychological warfare experts were seeking a way to create panic among the Japanese ahead of the landing of Allied forces, and so they called upon some anthropologists for advice and assistance.

OSS officers were told the most widely accepted and terrifying superstition in the Land of the Rising Sun had to do with fox spirits. For a Japanese to see a fox in daylight wasn't too bad — comparable to a

By Joe Snyder

black cat crossing one's path in America — but to see a fox spirit at night, glowing all over with a luminous light, was a sure sign of impending calamity.

Still worse, to see one running around on its hind legs glowing like a Christmas tree, signaled an early and permanent disaster of major proportions.

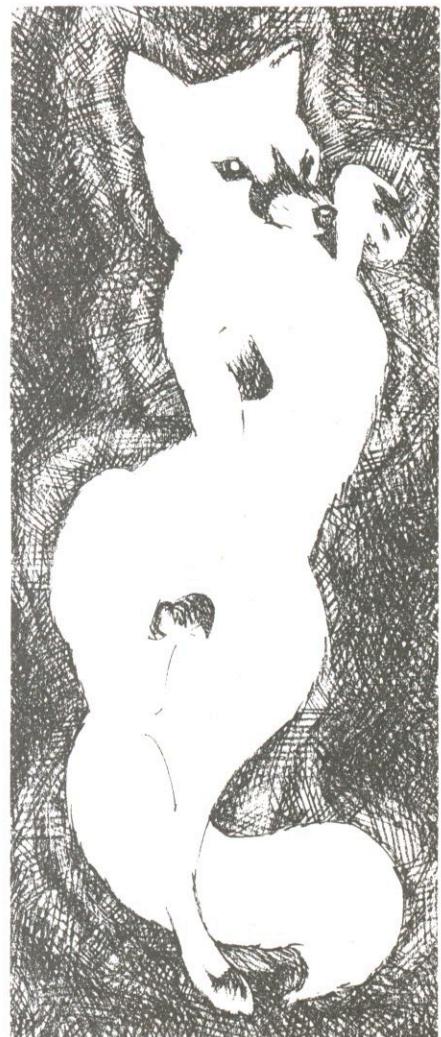


The professors' claims were borne out by fact. Millions of Japanese share the superstition and many claimed to have seen a night-blooming fox just prior to the devastating earthquake of 1923.

The concept intrigued the OSS hierarchy, who arranged to have 30 foxes taken prisoner and immediately transported to New York's Central Park Zoo.

Chemists then went to work on a radium paint similar to that once used on clock dials. The chemists were not told how the paint would be used — only that it must cling to hair and be durable enough to glow for several weeks.

The initial tests were pleasing enough. The paint glowed as promised, all too briefly though, but long enough to scare the daylights out of the animals. After all, they hadn't seen a luminous fox before,





either.

The trouble was that the foxes had inherent standards of cleanliness and they promptly licked off the glow. So the chemists received another order: "Develop a lick-proof spray paint."

Before long, paint experts had solved that problem. By this time the OSS had contacted taxidermists who were busily stuffing the front halves of other foxes to strap on the backs of the 30 original foxes. The idea was to create the impression they were running around on their hind legs.

The agency had already tried teaching the foxes to run about on their hind legs to no avail.

It really was quite a sight, reports confirm. OSS officers could barely stand to enter their own offices after dark with all those glowing foxes running around in a somewhat upright position. They became so enthusiastic over the project's progress, however, that they became impatient. They said: Why wait for the invasion? Let's have a go at it by submarine."

This posed a new problem. The paint would retain its brilliance in salt water for a time, but how closely



would the sub have to approach the coastline? No one knew for certain how far a fox could swim with half a fox strapped on his shoulders.

So the Central Park hippo pool was cleared and the foxes dumped in to swim until they became exhausted. Their endurance was carefully timed.

The "brass hats" were calling for action. Operation Foxes had by this time turned into a costly experiment. They wanted to see some results, so the experts shipped the foxes to

Washington for a live demonstration.

The results of this experiment proved beyond all doubt that the OSS really had something. Large numbers of near-hysterical and wide-eyed lovers and drunks came stampeding out of the bushes and off the benches in the park where the foxes had been released.

Most of them were yelling about ghosts and mysterious green-tinted objects that darted about at incredible speed. A few of those exposed to the phenomenon even swore off drinking. OSS agents toasted the success of their project.

One might say it was unfortunate for the experiment, but while the luminous foxes were enroute to the Far East, the atomic bombs were dropped and Japan surrendered. History will never be able to judge the comparative merits of glowing fox spirits against the effects of atomic weapons.

The poor foxes didn't even get the chance to blow a Nipponese mind.

It is said the OSS retired the foxes with appropriate military honors. They were first shaved to prevent possible death from radium poisoning and then dispatched to various zoos where suitable homes had been found for them.

Luminous foxes? Pigeons pecking away at spots on a screen to direct the flight of rockets? Dolphins carrying out complicated detonation jobs beneath the seas? Fantastic, but true stories, nonetheless.

Next time you pay your income tax you can be certain that somewhere, somplace, somebody in our big Defense Department is working on a project even more startling than a missile-guiding pigeon or a glowing fox that foretells doomsday.

#### About the author

*The author, a veteran of WWII in the Pacific, is a retired Gallatin, Mo., newspaper editor and publisher.*

By Jay Lloyd

No man in Pall Mall, Tenn., could touch Alvin C. York in a turkey shoot with a rifle. But when the chips were down in the Argonne Forest on that crisp October morning in 1918 and machine gun fire from German positions was slashing the bushes, the young soldier reached for the holster riding on his hip.

"I turned in time to see a Heinie lieutenant rise up from near one of them machine guns and with six or seven men come charging toward me with fixed bayonets," he vividly recalled. "They were only 20 yards away from me when I whipped out my automatic and potted them off one after another."

"The Automatic" had already been in service for seven years when the lanky corporal used his Colt .45 and his rifle to drop 25 Germans, capture another 132 and disable 35 machine guns. Most of it single-handedly.

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Those booming .45s fired by troopers charging at a gallop to the blare

military service had not at one time or another come in contact with "The Automatic." It has flown with World War II and Korean War flight crews, sailed aboard nuclear submarines and was handily tucked into desk drawers at Coast Guard shore stations.

But most of us who carried it never had the steady hand or eagle eye of an Alvin York or the pumped up vitality of a charging cavalry troop. That gun was heavy, noisy and did enough bucking for a whole rodeo.

Navy engineman Richard Maloney of Nantucket, Mass., recalls the chief who complained that "it's the worst gun in the world, but if you can't hit anything by firing the thing, just

throw it at 'em; that'll hurt."

Well, we won't have that gun to throw around much longer. After 74 years of service, Uncle Sam has decided to muster out the .45.

But old habits are hard to break. Where do you go to replace the oldest weapon in the American arsenal?

Italy.

Italy?

Sure. The Italians are not exactly the new kids on the block when it comes to handguns. Overlooked in the exuberance of that 1916 cavalry charge was a young armsmaker named Pietro Beretta who traces his family history in the weapons business back to 1680 in the small town of Gardonne in the Val Trom-



## The .45 Musters Out

of bugles did a job that longrange dueling with Springfield rifles failed to do. The handgun designed as a defensive weapon had just gone on the offensive.

In the years that followed that 1916 charge at the Ojos Azules ranch, hardly a veteran of any American



pia. Then the business involved the creation of sporting rifles for European royalty.

But when the Italian army was looking for a new pistol in 1914, Pietro Beretta had just the thing. The Modelo 1915 was a simple, reliable automatic.

Even Hollywood became intrigued by the gun. It became the celluloid favorite of gangsters and foreign spies as they plotted their way across the silver screen. The Sam Spades and Bulldog Drummonds, of course, stayed with the venerable Colt .45. But as the years passed, a hero like James Bond would occasionally dip into his arsenal and come up with the Beretta as a weapon of choice for a specific job.

If Bond could drift away from his allegiance to the Walther PPK, could Uncle Sam be far behind in looking for something to replace the hernia producing .45?

The Beretta is lighter, more accurate and carries eight more rounds than the Colt. Politically it offered the opportunity to show our NATO allies that we're as willing to buy guns from them as we are to sell planes and tanks to them.

The rub for many ex-GIs, even those whose memories of the .45 are limited to ringing ears, is that for the next two years, the "Made in America" stamp won't be on the handguns carried by their sons, daughters and grandchildren. After that the production comes home to the Maryland

factory of Beretta U.S.A. Corp.

Altogether nearly 316,000 Berettas will find their way into the U.S. arsenal at a cost of \$70 million.

We may feel a twinge of regret at the loss of a familiar thread in the American military tapestry. But if you've ever dropped a .45 on your foot, imprudently outgunned the commanding officer merely by hitting the target or heard the echoing shout of "Maggie's drawers" over and over again, just think about what the soldier, sailor, airman or Marine of the future will miss.

But as Bill Rubery, a veteran tanker of Schwenksville, Pa., says, "Let's face it, this new gun is better than the vintage .45. It's time to put the old girl to bed." ■



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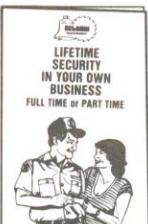
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new priorities on the KGB.

The new department was placed under the direction of one of the Soviets' most promising officers, Col. Ivan Agayants, who was granted full access to the highest levels of the Soviet ruling structure and brought together a corps of the most gifted Soviet intelligence officers.

"Disinformation is not misinformation," which is based on mistakes or incorrect information, Bittman explained. "Disinformation is the systematic effort to deceive elites and the general public for specific objectives."

Bittman, along with Godson, Shultz, Dzhirkvalov and Levchenko, recently collaborated on a new quarterly newsletter designed to expose Soviet disinformation schemes. Called Soviet Active Measures and Disinformation Forecast, the newsletter seeks to analyze and project future Soviet deception programs.

According to these experts, disinformation is only one component of what the Soviets call "active measures," a term that makes old-fashioned propaganda obsolete. Active measures means much more. It involves oral and written disinformation sometimes combined with use of political front organizations that parrot the Soviet line, "agent of influence" operations and widespread forgeries, especially in Europe and the underdeveloped world.

"There is no equivalent term in the West describing the intent, scope, intensity, centralization and sophistication of active measures," the first issue of Forecast says. "Active measures campaigns are conceived, planned and systematically executed by the centralized leadership and bureaucracy as an integral part of Soviet efforts to support their foreign policy globally."

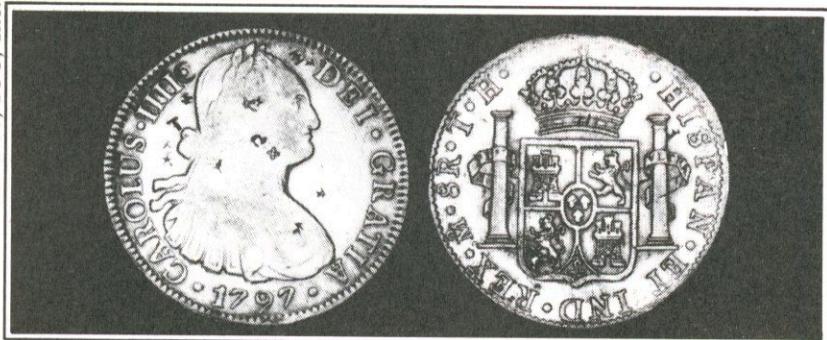
Perhaps the most vigorous disinformation campaign run by the Soviets is the covert program which parallels the Soviet anti-space weapons propaganda campaign directed at undermining support for Presi-

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dent Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Soviet military planners have been terrorized by SDI research since its deployment would nullify a Soviet superiority in land-based nuclear missiles. A space-based defense against Soviet longrange missiles would force the Soviets to develop their own space system to maintain parity. The technologically inferior Soviets face certain defeat in the space weapons race because they lack technological expertise even though they have managed to steal vast quantities of Western technology and equipment.

Behind the public statements of virtually every Soviet official pronouncement against SDI, Soviet disinformation specialists are at work on another, unseen level. Their strategy, according to Forecast, is to drive a wedge between President Reagan and key U.S. allies Great Britain, West Germany and France on the strategic defense issue. So far the disinformation campaign has had limited success in Britain and Germany where both countries' leaders and leftist opposition have tended toward opposing SDI. Soviet disinformation experts in France failed to mobilize French President Francois Mitterand against SDI as evidenced by his failure to sign an anti-SDI statement during a recent visit by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

In the coming months, Western publics can expect to see a number of Soviet disinformation and active measures programs targeted against SDI. The programs are likely to include "cultural exchanges" between Western scientists opposed to SDI and their Soviet counterparts, public "appeals" and statements calling for the elimination of SDI in the interests of "peace." For disinformation purposes, the Soviets will be active also in circulating statements against SDI by American scientists in an effort to make it appear there is widespread opposition to SDI in the U.S. Underneath all the disinformation will be the Soviet objective of trying to blame the United States SDI program for poisoning relations with

the Soviets. At the same time, the Soviets will be dressed up as "reasonable" arms control advocates.

"This combination of carrot and stick — the promise of improved relations combined with threats and scare tactics — will be the hallmark of the Soviet campaign.

Soviet leaders prepared for months leading up to the summit for a major disinformation campaign, Bittman said. Prior to the Geneva meeting, Soviet overt propaganda took priority over disinformation. If the Soviets are not satisfied with the outcome of the summit — like a failure to curb SDI — expect "a massive disinformation campaign on a worldwide scale" blaming the President and the United States for the failure, Bittman said.

Asked to identify some of the most blatant Soviet disinformation campaigns in America, Bittman pointed to the 1980 Mariel boatlift exodus of Cubans to south Florida.

"For several months, it was celebrated as a big victory for the Western world and the United States," he said. But the victory was shortlived when investigators first detected a large number of mental patients among the more than 125,000 Cuban refugees. Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, in a diabolical and criminal action, had opened the doors of Cuba's mental hospitals as a means of disposing of undesirables.

"And then another interesting thing: we discovered that there were a very large number of hardened criminals among them," Bittman said.

The elite of the Cuban underworld was allowed to flee to the United States. The result: Instant crime rate increases in the major urban areas of New York and Miami where the refugees were resettled. The overall effect was Cuban-Americans who had been settled in the country for decades and remained patriotic and anti-Communist had their reputations smeared by Cuban criminals who were committing brutal

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## DISINFORMATION

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crimes.

Finally Castro cleverly managed to infiltrate into the United States a vast network of highly trained Cuban intelligence officers to burrow deep within American society until they could be activated for jobs ranging from inciting race riots to sabotage and assassination in times of crisis.

"This operation had several objectives — it was a disinformation operation since it was supposed to deceive the American public...[it] undermined the reputation of Cubans in this country, [and] we are paying for these prisoners at an average cost of \$30,000 per person each year," Bittman said. "To me it was a brilliant operation. This was another type of disinformation, and of course, the press didn't realize it at the time."

The spy, British-born Geoffrey A. Prime, worked as a Soviet specialist in decoding intercepted Soviet military communications and through him the Soviets supplied masses of disinformation about Soviet military capabilities through channels they knew were being picked up by U.S. spy satellites.

Experts share a common concern that Soviet disinformation threatens Western society through just such an example as the Prime case. All agree that the best way to protect the West is to comprehend fully what the Soviets seek to accomplish and then how they go about deceiving and manipulating Western societies.

For Bittman, the prescription is knowing the enemy:

"My medicine is broad, solid knowledge about how these operations are launched, orchestrated and directed. That's the best way to make their games as difficult as possible, and to a degree, it can prevent such operations on our territory."

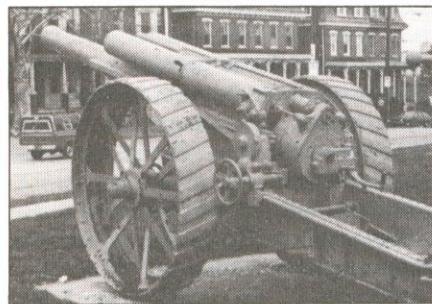
### About the Author:

*Bill Gertz covers national security affairs for the Washington Times.*

## IN THE FIELD

**W**hen Post 1804 moved to its new Post home in Norristown, Pa., it had no room for its World War I cannon, a British 5-inch, 60-pounder heavy field gun that had been given to the Post in the 1920s.

The 24-foot-long, 12,000-pound gun is one of the few surviving 1918 British guns used by the AEF and brought to this country.



Post members voted to donate the huge cannon to the Liberty Memorial Museum in Kansas City, Mo., where it will be restored and displayed. The Liberty Memorial is the only major military museum in the U.S. specializing in World War I.

Glasgow, Inc., volunteered to pick up and store the cannon at its warehouse in Glenside, Pa., and the museum is now seeking a volunteer with access to a flatbed truck to transport the cannon from Pennsylvania to Kansas City.

If you can help, please contact: Mark L. Beveridge, Curator, Liberty Memorial Museum, 100 West 26th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64108, or phone him at (816) 221-1918.

Only a little more than a year old, Post 5185, Fort Gaines, Ga., has done a lot in the town of 3,000 population. Recently the Post presented Flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol to the Clay County Courthouse and the Fort Gaines City Hall and a U.S. Flag and state flag to the Clay Elementary School. A plaque containing the 14 names of Clay County dead in both World Wars and the Korean and Vietnam Wars was erected by the Post in the Courthouse. In this presentation, a bugler from Fort Benning, Spec. 4 Timothy Nicholson, sounded "Taps" after the names were read.

**P**ost 5654, East Cleveland, Ohio, marked last Memorial Day with the second annual ceremonial Flag raising at the Post, with four widows of World War II veterans in attendance.

As a pre-Veterans Day program, Post 3937, Long Beach, Miss., honored 13 surviving World War I veterans. Principal speaker was Department Commander Lee Childress, who enlisted in the Navy 35 years earlier to the day. A Mississippi Air National Guard unit presented "Flags Over Mississippi," the story of the eight flags that have flown over the state.

The wide range of community service programs conducted by Post 3023, Grand Rapids, Mich., has been recognized by the United Way of Kent County with its Merit Award. The Post is the first veterans' organization to be honored in this manner since the awards were begun in 1970.

Massachusetts District 7 marked Veterans Day with the presentation of an eight-foot television projector and video cassette recorder to the Northampton VA hospital. The District contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase and another organization gave a like amount.

Every year since Post 9880, Ogemaw, Minn., was chartered in 1948, Minnesota Past Department Commander Everett W. Henderson has installed the Post officers, and 1985 was no exception. He was on hand to swear in Post Commander Curtis Ballard.

When Maryland Past Department Commander Casimir (Charles) Lukoski visited the Punchbowl National Cemetery during the Commander-in-Chief's Hawaiian Holiday, he happened on the grave of Charles Evering, the Marine killed in WWII for whom his home Post 6506 is named. "I had no idea he was buried there, and you can imagine what a thrill it was to be standing there taking pictures to bring back home."

The Department of Florida has dedicated its Freedom Arch at its headquarters and convention center in Ocala. The black inlaid marble, 20-foot high arch has a golden eagle



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at the apex, with two doves on either side. Department Commander James R. Burkhart was the principal speaker at the ceremonies.

**Post 6429**, North Utica, N.Y. with Leonard Cinquanta as Commander, has launched a project, expected to be completed by Memorial Day, of restoring the old Deerfield-Schuyler Cemetery. Part of the effort consists of identifying graves of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veterans. So far one of the former and 11 of the latter have been identified. The Post hopes to find graves of Civil War veterans, too. The project has generated much attention in the community. All the work is being done voluntarily, with no funding from any other source.

Thanks to **Post 281**, Fair Lawn, N.J., the recycling center has been reopened. The Post agreed to operate the center voluntarily and pay contributors of glass, aluminum, corrugated cardboard and newspaper from a special VFW account.

John Hribar, a Life Member of **Post 5107**, who now lives in North Port, Fla., is asking on behalf of WWII Slovene partisans, who rescued U.S. flyers downed in Yugoslavia, that VFW members assist in locating any who were brought to safety by these anti-Nazi guerrillas. Hribar's address in North Port is 634 N.E. Lullaby Road 33596.

During a muscular dystrophy carnival in Hudson, Iowa, **Post 4596** members helped raise more than \$7,000 to aid research into the ailment. Gov. Terry Branstad was on hand, and Post Commander Randall Lundgren met him.

Joe (Papa Joe) Skeels, 90-year-old Americanism chairman of **Post 1114**, Evansville, Ind., recently presented Flags for each classroom of Good Shepherd Elementary School. He has won several Americanism awards from the Indiana Department, writes a Post newsletter column on Americanism and has been Post chairman for eight non-consecutive years.

For the second consecutive year, **Post 10671**, Dodge, Wis., has donated \$1,000 to Pietrek Park between In-

dependence and Arcadia, Wis. The \$1,000 will go for the installation of an automatic pump water system in the park's shelter. Formed a little more than two years ago, the Post is named for three veterans, one killed in WWII, one killed in the Korean War and one killed in the Vietnam War.

Michael Sulima, a member of **Post 6342**, North Southfield, R.I., has good reason to be proud of himself and his family. He has served more than 30 years in the Navy, active and reserve. His sons, John Joseph and Michael Peter, have served six months of active duty and 23 years active and reserve respectively. His grandson, Michael Patrick, served more than five active Navy years.

John Wodzanowski, Jr., has written Commander Stanley Gajdzisz, of **Post 62**, Jersey City, N.J., to thank him for presenting his father with a 50-year VFW membership pin.

Presentation to the elder Wodzanowski was made at his home by Gajdzisz and Past Commander Joseph Kearns and Michael Brett. Wodzanowski is a World War I veteran.

A check for \$24,700 for an ultrasound machine for Hines Hospital has been presented by **Post 7452**, Montgomery, Ill. The machine is portable in order that it can be moved quickly to a patient's bedside rather than move the heart attack victim as many as seven floors. Accepting the check on behalf of the VA facility was Dr. Jacobs, chief of coronary care.

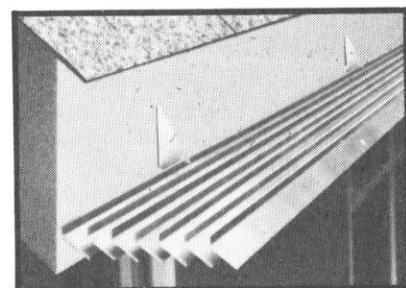
When citizens of Laramie, Wyo., pitched in last summer to help flood victims in Cheyenne, **Post 221** was right there helping out. Members and officers, like Quartermaster Daniel S. Travsky and Commander Al Snyder, organized an effort that resulted in a large contribution of clothes, food and blankets.

Students at Montesano Secondary School — grades 7 through 12 — in Montesano, Wash., thought this year they would write letters to veterans for Veterans Day. Here is what Hillary

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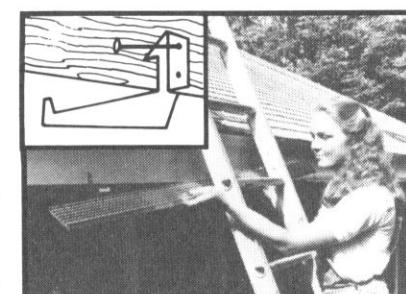
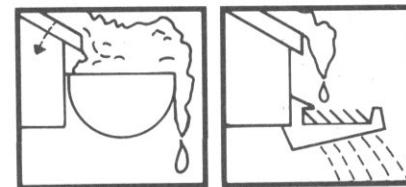
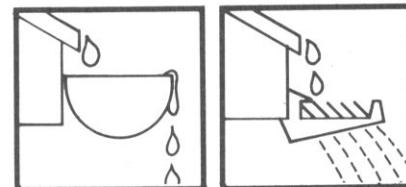
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**Post 9186**, San Antonio, Texas, has honored Alfred S. Sanchez for his dedication to Post youth programs as coach, manager and adviser. Through his efforts many youngsters have become professional baseball players.

**Post 6319**, Greencastle, Pa., has turned over \$2,500 to Everyone Concerned with Hearing Organization — known by the acronym ECHO. Making the presentation to ECHO

chairman C.B. Shank was Post Commander William Benson.

When Lou Ponticelli commanded **Post 2387** in Belen, N.M., last year, the finishing touches were put on a display honoring the two men for whom the Post is named, Horace Chavez and John Curran. Chavez was a WWII New Mexico National Guardsman with the 200th Coast Artillery. He was captured on Bataan and died when a prison ship on which he was confined sank. Curran was killed in Vietnam on a mission to rescue an American downed in a helicopter crash. He was the 11th from the Belen area to be killed. Framed pictures of the two have been hung on the wall of the Post home with their encased medals beneath each.

Pearl Harbor was not forgotten by members of **Post 1540** in Honolulu. Post Commander Edward Kaopuiki conducted the solemn ritual service aboard Adventure II, a cabin cruiser, and a wreath made of Buddy Poppies

was lowered into the water as a memorial tribute. Although the program was especially related to the men entombed at the USS Arizona memorial, it was intended to remember all the Americans killed in the Japanese attack.

When the remains of Illinois's first secretary of state, Elias Kent Kane, his wife, Felecita, their four sons and two grandchildren were transferred to Chester, Ill., Evergreen Cemetery from a family tomb five miles away, the firing squad of **Post 3553** was on hand to honor the occasion. Vandals forced the reburial.



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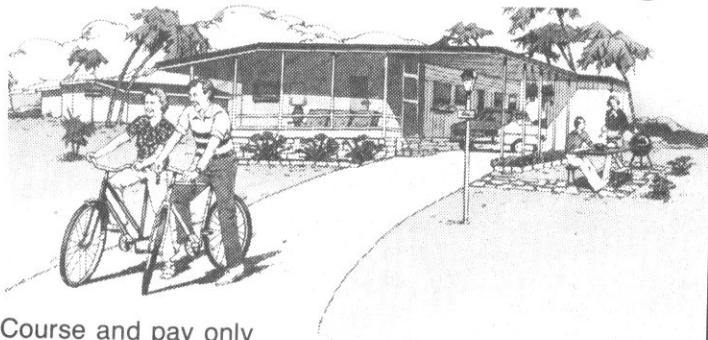
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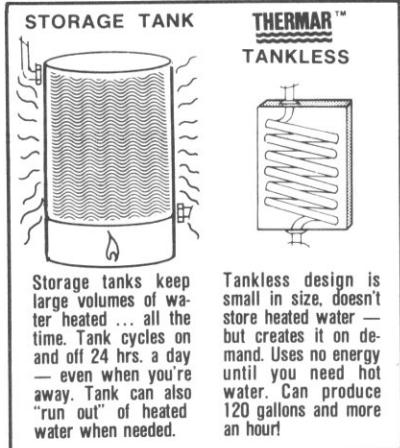
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**V**eterans Day, 1984, was the occasion for the celebration of Post 3157's 50 years. Then Commander of the Electric City, Wash. Post Lionel Leval, accepts the Golden Anniversary Award from then Acting Department Commander Cy Young.



**W**hen Post 3211, Hicksville, N.Y., observed its 50th anniversary, 15 Past Post Commanders and, of course, Post Commander Max Bergsohn were present.



**P**ost 4667, Marion, Va., marked its 40th anniversary as these charter members and World War I veterans cut the birthday cake. In center with knife poised is Edd McClanahan, last surviving black veteran in Smyth County. Post's World War I veterans received Flags.



Post 5047, Navarre, Ohio, on its 40th anniversary honored four surviving founders: Chaplain John Laltzer, Jr. Vice Commander Paul Agnes, Post Advocate Ben Angerer and Trustee Glenn Winkhart.



Post 3195 and Auxiliary, North Shores, Mich., marked its 50th year. Muskegon County Commissioner Dennis Babcock reads a proclamation citing their half century of service. With him are Auxiliary President Ann Yeck and Post Commander Mortimer Perrin.



Thirty-nine years of Post 8097's charter are marked as Henry Johnson, 92, oldest member of the Jessup, Md., Post, cuts the birthday cake. With him are Charter Member Jack Baker and Department Commander Mike Mason. Extreme right is another charter member, Bill Redd.



Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Hilton presents Post 314, Clarendon, Pa., with its Golden Anniversary Award from National. Accepting it is Phillip Arrigo, 92, 50-year Post member.



Post 43, Martinsburg, Pa., receives its Golden Anniversary Award from the National Organization. With the award are Past Commander Cecil Weirman, Commander Ronald Dalton, District 22 Commander Donald J. Patton and Past Trustee Blair M. Bice.

## Department Commanders-of-the-Month

November, 1985



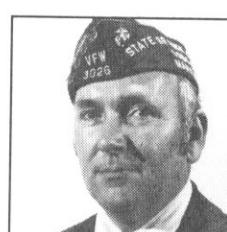
DIV. I  
**Nick Vannicelli (2)**  
Ohio



DIV. II  
**Patrick T. Bohmer (2)**  
Minnesota



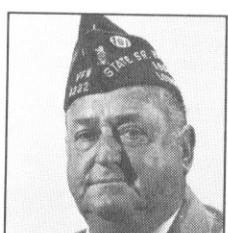
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**Michael J. Mason, Sr. (2)**  
Maryland



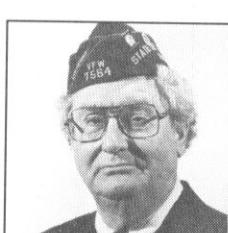
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Virginia



DIV. VI  
**Stanley Plessala (3)**  
Louisiana



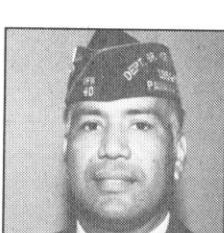
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**Donald L. Ruby (3)**  
South Dakota



DIV. VIII  
**Harold Carnahan**  
North Dakota



DIV. IX  
**Judd Clemens (3)**  
Alaska



DIV. X  
**Robert F. Ramirez**  
Panama Canal

## District Commanders-of-the-Month

DIV. I  
District 8  
Indiana  
**John Kavathas (3)**

DIV. II  
District 14  
Maryland  
**David R. Clark**

DIV. III  
District 1  
Indiana  
**Thomas Cogley (2)**

DIV. IV  
District 2  
South Dakota  
**John B. Chadwick**

DIV. V  
District 3  
Nebraska  
**Marlin Speidel (2)**

DIV. VI  
District 3  
Louisiana  
**Stanley Cantrelle (3)**

DIV. VII  
District 1  
Arkansas  
**Charles Rogers (2)**

DIV. VIII  
District 10  
Maryland  
**Joseph Stanton (3)**

DIV. I  
Post 1114  
Indiana  
**Ivan Dimmett (3)**

DIV. VI  
Post 3809  
Ohio  
**Charles R. Moreland**

DIV. XI  
Post 5658  
Alabama  
**Pete Frauenhoffer**

DIV. XVI  
Post 6732  
South Carolina  
**Hillard E. Hartman (2)**

DIV. II  
Post 6506  
Maryland  
**Elbert Riddleberger**

DIV. VII  
Post 1090  
Ohio  
**Robert Harrell, Sr.**

DIV. XII  
Post 9862  
Maryland  
**Kenneth Bitter (2)**

DIV. XVII  
Post 7389  
Massachusetts  
**Raymond Reynolds (3)**

DIV. III  
Post 6240  
Kansas  
**Melvin R. Garrett (3)**

DIV. VIII  
Post 802  
Indiana  
**Robert Robinson (3)**

DIV. XIII  
Post 98  
Indiana  
**William B. Joslin**

DIV. XVIII  
Post 7778  
Georgia  
**Louis C. Graziano II (3)**

DIV. IV  
Post 2743  
Ohio  
**Edward Ducsay (2)**

DIV. IX  
Post 8510  
Minnesota  
**Marty L. Ban (3)**

DIV. XIV  
Post 8564  
Texas  
**William B. Warren (2)**

DIV. XIX  
Post 2011  
Texas  
**Medardo E. Garza (2)**

DIV. V  
Post 9083  
Maryland  
**Nicholas T. Bassetti (3)**

DIV. X  
Post 4695  
Texas  
**Joe Tucker (2)**

DIV. XV  
Post 2151  
Indiana  
**Bill Rapier (3)**

DIV. XX  
Post 5865  
Pennsylvania  
**Acie T. Marksberry (3)**

(Figures in parentheses indicate number of times Commander has won this honor.)

## Order of Parade

Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters through Nov. 30, 1985.

NATIONAL AVERAGE — 74.94%

|    |                        |       |    |                                |       |    |                          |       |
|----|------------------------|-------|----|--------------------------------|-------|----|--------------------------|-------|
| 1  | ALASKA . . . . .       | 84.34 | 22 | Florida . . . . .              | 75.11 | 47 | Nevada . . . . .         | 69.28 |
| 2  | Panama Canal . . . . . | 84.15 | 23 | New Jersey . . . . .           | 74.74 | 48 | Oklahoma . . . . .       | 68.94 |
| 3  | South Dakota . . . . . | 81.22 | 24 | Connecticut . . . . .          | 74.57 | 49 | Hawaii . . . . .         | 68.50 |
| 4  | Minnesota . . . . .    | 80.66 | 25 | Pacific Areas . . . . .        | 74.35 | 50 | Georgia . . . . .        | 67.58 |
| 5  | Indiana . . . . .      | 80.57 | 26 | Delaware . . . . .             | 74.16 | 51 | Utah . . . . .           | 65.84 |
| 6  | Wisconsin . . . . .    | 80.53 | 27 | West Virginia . . . . .        | 73.91 | 52 | Tennessee . . . . .      | 64.65 |
| 7  | Maryland . . . . .     | 80.32 | 28 | Arizona . . . . .              | 73.89 | 53 | South Carolina . . . . . | 63.55 |
| 8  | Ohio . . . . .         | 79.31 | 29 | New York . . . . .             | 73.83 | 54 | Germany . . . . .        | 41.89 |
| 9  | Michigan . . . . .     | 79.30 | 30 | District of Columbia . . . . . | 73.41 |    |                          |       |
| 10 | Kansas . . . . .       | 78.24 | 31 | Washington . . . . .           | 73.36 |    |                          |       |
| 11 | Virginia . . . . .     | 77.90 | 32 | Alabama . . . . .              | 73.25 |    |                          |       |
| 12 | Louisiana . . . . .    | 77.71 | 33 | Oregon . . . . .               | 73.20 |    |                          |       |
| 13 | North Dakota . . . . . | 77.61 | 34 | Rhode Island . . . . .         | 73.01 |    |                          |       |
| 14 | Vermont . . . . .      | 77.40 | 35 | New Hampshire . . . . .        | 72.82 |    |                          |       |
| 15 | Illinois . . . . .     | 77.32 | 36 | Idaho . . . . .                | 72.66 |    |                          |       |
| 16 | Missouri . . . . .     | 77.23 | 37 | Montana . . . . .              | 72.64 |    |                          |       |
| 17 | Nebraska . . . . .     | 76.58 | 38 | New Mexico . . . . .           | 72.57 |    |                          |       |
| 18 | Maine . . . . .        | 76.31 | 39 | North Carolina . . . . .       | 72.35 |    |                          |       |
| 19 | Wyoming . . . . .      | 76.12 | 40 | Massachusetts . . . . .        | 71.91 |    |                          |       |
| 20 | Iowa . . . . .         | 75.97 | 41 | Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 71.82 |    |                          |       |
| 21 | California . . . . .   | 75.95 | 42 | Mississippi . . . . .          | 71.80 |    |                          |       |
|    |                        |       | 43 | Texas . . . . .                | 71.21 |    |                          |       |
|    |                        |       | 44 | Arkansas . . . . .             | 70.92 |    |                          |       |
|    |                        |       | 45 | Kentucky . . . . .             | 70.89 |    |                          |       |
|    |                        |       | 46 | Colorado . . . . .             | 69.30 |    |                          |       |

## Posts of 1,000 Members or More

Recorded as of Dec. 9, 1985

| Post<br>Place No. | Location                            | 1985-86<br>Membership | 46 | 6796 | Dallas, TX . . . . .       | 1202 | 69 | 23    | Lebanon, PA . . . . .       | 1083 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|------|----------------------------|------|----|-------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1                 | 1114 Evansville, IN . . . . .       | 3700                  | 47 | 1621 | Janesville, WI . . . . .   | 1201 | 70 | 2346  | Saugus, MA . . . . .        | 1077 |
| 2                 | 3579 Park Ridge, IL . . . . .       | 2242                  | 48 | 7330 | Oakville, CT . . . . .     | 1183 | 71 | 733   | Mason City, IA . . . . .    | 1070 |
| 3                 | 628 Sioux Falls, SD . . . . .       | 2229                  | 49 | 5263 | Fort Sill, OK . . . . .    | 1176 | 72 | 2940  | W. Seneca, NY . . . . .     | 1068 |
| 4                 | 5555 Richfield, MN . . . . .        | 1999                  | 50 | 2704 | South Omaha, NB . . . . .  | 1170 | 73 | 1857  | Oklahoma City, OK . . . . . | 1067 |
| 5                 | 360 Mishawaka, IN . . . . .         | 1985                  | 51 | 2199 | Joliet, IL . . . . .       | 1169 | 74 | 573   | Clarksburg, WV . . . . .    | 1064 |
| 6                 | 6506 Rosedale, MD . . . . .         | 1943                  | 52 | 112  | Wichita, KS . . . . .      | 1168 | 75 | 428   | Saint Cloud, MN . . . . .   | 1059 |
| 7                 | 1308 Alton, IL . . . . .            | 1910                  | 53 | 1000 | Independence, MO . . . . . | 1164 | 76 | 1115  | Hillsville, VA . . . . .    | 1049 |
| 8                 | 2539 Gulfport, MS . . . . .         | 1887                  | 54 | 6240 | Russell, KS . . . . .      | 1154 | 77 | 10209 | Spring Hill, FL . . . . .   | 1046 |
| 9                 | 1146 St. Clair Shores, MI . . . . . | 1881                  | 55 | 1810 | Brentwood, PA . . . . .    | 1149 | 77 | 832   | S. Portland, ME . . . . .   | 1046 |
| 10                | 47 Uniontown, PA . . . . .          | 1812                  | 56 | 295  | S. St. Paul, MN . . . . .  | 1148 | 79 | 2012  | Abilene, TX . . . . .       | 1045 |
| 11                | 1064 Huntington, WV . . . . .       | 1688                  | 57 | 3851 | Carmi, IL . . . . .        | 1142 | 80 | 3790  | Logansport, IN . . . . .    | 1044 |
| 12                | 1296 Bloomington, MN . . . . .      | 1678                  | 58 | 4903 | Tucson, AZ . . . . .       | 1138 | 81 | 4848  | Chattanooga, TN . . . . .   | 1035 |
| 13                | 131 Lincoln, NB . . . . .           | 1656                  | 59 | 2529 | Sandusky, OH . . . . .     | 1130 | 82 | 2702  | Huntsville, AL . . . . .    | 1032 |
| 14                | 401 Albuquerque, NM . . . . .       | 1641                  | 60 | 1432 | Salina, KS . . . . .       | 1129 | 83 | 7119  | Indianapolis, IN . . . . .  | 1031 |
| 15                | 49 Mobile, AL . . . . .             | 1602                  | 61 | 1865 | Kenosha, WI . . . . .      | 1121 | 84 | 2754  | West View, PA . . . . .     | 1023 |
| 16                | 1273 Rapid City, SD . . . . .       | 1571                  | 62 | 6896 | Detroit, MI . . . . .      | 1111 | 85 | 5225  | W. Memphis, AR . . . . .    | 1022 |
| 17                | 2290 Manville, NJ . . . . .         | 1544                  | 63 | 6874 | Lemon Grove, CA . . . . .  | 1109 | 86 | 9400  | Sunnyslope, AZ . . . . .    | 1015 |
| 18                | 53 Jamestown, NY . . . . .          | 1515                  | 64 | 641  | Columbia, SC . . . . .     | 1109 | 87 | 639   | Malden, MA . . . . .        | 1013 |
| 19                | 6640 Metairie, LA . . . . .         | 1439                  | 65 | 3777 | Festus, MO . . . . .       | 1107 | 88 | 1120  | Indianapolis, IN . . . . .  | 1011 |
| 20                | 6704 Mechanicsburg, PA . . . . .    | 1411                  | 66 | 4057 | Tupelo, MS . . . . .       | 1104 | 89 | 1     | Denver, CO . . . . .        | 1007 |
| 21                | 249 Butler, PA . . . . .            | 1402                  | 67 | 891  | Asheville, NC . . . . .    | 1096 | 90 | 762   | Fargo, ND . . . . .         | 1006 |
| 22                | 4372 Odessa, TX . . . . .           | 1395                  | 68 | 501  | Denver, CO . . . . .       | 1096 | 91 | 1863  | Solon, OH . . . . .         | 1004 |
| 23                | 969 Tacoma, WA . . . . .            | 1384                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 24                | 1275 Lima, OH . . . . .             | 1361                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 25                | 367 Joliet, IL . . . . .            | 1351                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 26                | 1989 Indiana, PA . . . . .          | 1347                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 27                | 2100 Everett, WA . . . . .          | 1345                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 28                | 2503 Omaha, NB . . . . .            | 1336                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 29                | 379 Yakima, WA . . . . .            | 1333                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 30                | 3382 Kingsport, TN . . . . .        | 1327                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 31                | 6975 Bristol, VA . . . . .          | 1318                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 32                | 1599 Chambersburg, PA . . . . .     | 1316                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 33                | 7987 New Port Richey, FL . . . . .  | 1284                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 34                | 9619 Morningside, MD . . . . .      | 1277                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 35                | 8541 San Antonio, TX . . . . .      | 1276                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 36                | 447 Albert Lea, MN . . . . .        | 1250                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 37                | 1650 Topeka, KS . . . . .           | 1244                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 38                | 1736 Alexandria, LA . . . . .       | 1242                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 39                | 3962 Corinth, MS . . . . .          | 1242                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 40                | 4087 Davison, MI . . . . .          | 1241                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 41                | 549 Tucson, AZ . . . . .            | 1240                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 42                | 5632 St. Louis Park, MN . . . . .   | 1237                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 43                | 1079 Elyria, OH . . . . .           | 1229                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 44                | 1003 Jefferson City, MO . . . . .   | 1214                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |
| 45                | 6251 Cheektowaga, NY . . . . .      | 1211                  |    |      |                            |      |    |       |                             |      |

## Marty

OKAY, JUNIOR VFW BOWLING TEAM, THE FIRST THING I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER IS TO MAKE SURE YOU FIND A BALL THAT IS THE RIGHT WEIGHT.



THE SECOND THING IS TO REMEMBER TO MAKE SURE THE FINGER HOLES ARE THE RIGHT SIZE.

OKAY, JUNIOR VFW BOWLING TEAM, THAT'S ALL YOU CAN REMEMBER.

**W**HEN THE RICHARD I. BONG Memorial Bridge was dedicated last summer, Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts in the Superior, Wis., and Duluth, Minn., areas contributed to the success of the event.

The bridge, a \$70 million structure over the St. Louis River, is 8,395 feet long and honors Maj. Bong, who, with 40 kills, was the leading United States ace during World War II. Bong was a native of Superior and Medal of Honor recipient.

Two members of Post 847 in Superior were instrumental in making the dedication a success. Howard Purcell succeeded in getting the P-38 for the ceremonies, and John Bellino was chairman of the plaque committee.

The plaque installed during the dedication was provided in part with funds collected by Wisconsin Posts 8329, 10197, 690, 847 and 10490. Total cost was \$4,000. It is a duplicate of one to be placed in the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio. It honors Bong and his unit, the 49th Fighter Group, the first U.S. expeditionary force to leave the U.S. after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. During the war, its members shot down 678 enemy planes.

A feature of the dedication was a flyover by F-15s, the aircraft of the modern 49th and one of the only two operational P-38s in the world.

Besides the Medal of Honor, he earned also the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, seven Distinguished Flying Crosses and 15 Air Medals. He made the aces list Jan. 8, 1943, after scoring his fifth victory. On March 3, he continued his aerial skill by shooting down his sixth enemy aircraft. On Nov. 11,

## Bong Bridge—VFW Was There



**Major Richard I. Bong: Top aerial ace in World War II and Medal of Honor recipient.**

1943, he was reassigned as assistant operations officer in charge of replacement aircraft at headquarters, VFighter Command. Bong continued to fly combat missions in P-38s, bringing his victories to 28. It was his simultaneous kills, numbers 26 and 27 on April 11, 1944, that made him America's all-time ace, surpassing Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I mark of 26. This also earned him promotion to major.

The next day his 28th victory was listed as a probable. He claimed hitting the enemy aircraft in the left wing on a mission over Hollandia. Gen. George C. Kenney sent a diver to Tanahmereh Bay, where Bong believed the aircraft had crashed, to find proof. The diver found it with 11 bullet holes in the left wing, two cylinders blown out and its armament used. Number 28 was confirmed.

His record resulted in orders to Foster Field, Texas, to instruct

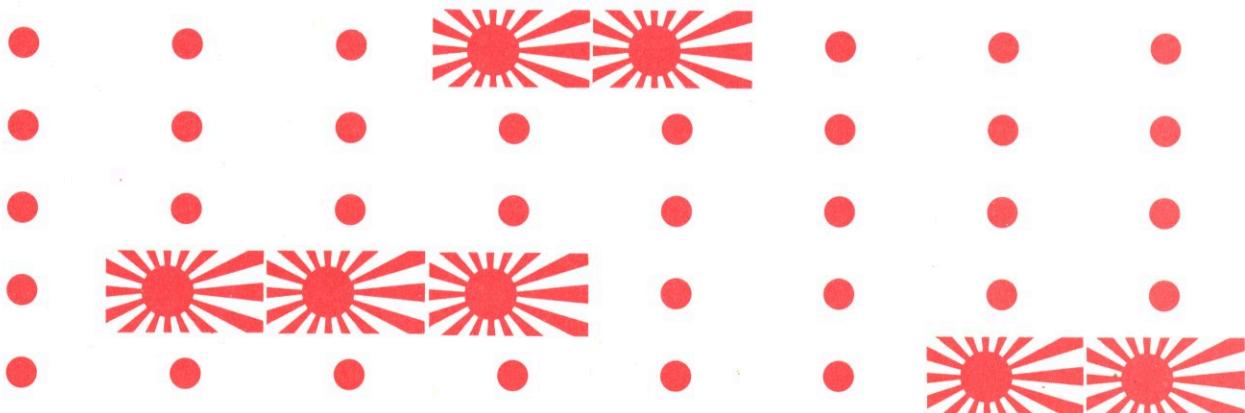
others on his aerial techniques. He described his flying skill by saying he "flew right up their tails." In September, 1944, he was back in the Pacific on his second combat tour, but as a gunnery instructor. Though he was not required to fly, he volunteered for more missions. His 39th victory was over Mindora on Dec. 15.

Late on the afternoon of Dec. 17, 1944, he dropped his wing tanks to gain altitude and meet two enemy fighters. According to Maj. Bong's report, "We gave chase and I closed on the leader and shot him down at 1625 from an altitude of 9,000 feet. The Japanese Oscar caught fire, dived straight down and disintegrated as it crashed." A lieutenant's confirmation of Bong's account gave him victory number 40. The victory was approved by the 431st Fighter Squadron's commander, Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, who scored his 32nd kill that day and a man who eventually trailed Bong by two kills when the final count was made after World War II.

After his 40th victory, Bong was transferred stateside and became a test pilot at Wright Field, Ohio.

On Aug. 6, 1945, he was killed on a test flight over Burbank, Calif., when his P-80's engine failed and crashed.

Maj. Bong's P-38, with its 40 Rising Sun flags across its side, is on permanent display in Superior, a tribute to a 5th Air Force alumnus whom General Douglas MacArthur called the greatest of America's fighter aces.



## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States  
1985-86 Series

### General Orders No. 4

1. The following appointments are hereby announced: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMITTEE: Members: Bobby G. Black, Post 9659, Germany; George Davis, Post 8276, Delmar, Md., and Arthur Thielges, Post 871, Tracy, Minn.
2. NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Member: M. Frank Edwards, Post 9539, Spartanburg, S.C.
3. NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE: Members: Chester Koch, Post 1415, Cleveland, Ohio, and Dan G. Petersen, Post 131, Lincoln, Neb.
4. NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF: Charles Marshall, Post 10252, Mountain View, Alaska; Roscoe R. Staley, Post 3282, Port Orange, Fla.; Thomas F. Bunting, Post 2562, Silver Spring, Md.; Ray Young, Post 7581, Wayland, Mich.; Virgil Mullins, Post 3968, Winchester, N.H.; Charles A. Nagle, Post 779, Patton, Pa.; Robert Stroker, Post 1271, Central Falls, R.I.; Ralph Gonzales, Post 6719, Baymondville, Texas; Timothy F. Deason, Post 8552, Del Rio, Texas, and Howard W. Fite, Post 7398, Magna, Utah.
5. NATIONAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE: Members: Clarence LaFever, Post 1174, El Dorado, Kans.
6. ASSISTANT INSPECTORS GENERAL: Curtis G. Jackson, Post 1297, Camden, N.J.; Ellery Herron, Post 10041, Bethel, Alaska; Roland J. Baillargeon, Post 8093, DeBary, Fla.; Paul L. Lynd, Post 10017, Ashland, Ky.; Roy E. Shifflett, Post 6506, Rosedale, Md.; Raymond Nowosatko, Post 5120, Detroit, Mich.; Jack Niland, Post 799, Keene, N.H.; Robert Duleck, Post 4876, Altus, Okla.; Carl J. Zappa, Post 5286, Farrell, Pa.; Lawrence F. Grinnell, Post 5390, Portsmouth, R.I. and William Thompson, Post 2628, St. George, Utah.
7. NATIONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP, MEDAL OF HONOR CLASS: Matt Urban, Post 2144, Holland, Mich.; Ronald E. Rosser, Post 3297, Delaware, Ohio; Franklin E. Sigler, Post 5360, Newton, N.J., and George E. Wahlen, Post 1481, Ogden, Utah.
8. Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars expires Dec. 31, 1985, unless their 1986 dues are paid and reported to Department and National Headquarters. Commanders and Quartermasters are enjoined to make every effort to renew the membership of continuous members prior to Jan. 1, 1986.
9. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees. Trustees Report of Audit must be completed in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ends Dec. 31. Commanders are reminded that accurate and complete records shall be kept by all persons handling Post funds, including the Club Manager and Bingo Chairman. These records shall be audited by Post Trustees in the same manner as Post Quartermaster records.
10. All members are urged to send in donations for National Home Christmas Seals. Your contributions should be sent to the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827.
11. Post Commanders and Americanism Chairmen are reminded of the anniversary of the sinking of the USS Maine in Havana Harbor, Feb. 15, 1898. A special meeting or a commemorative program should be held to honor our Spanish-American War Comrades who served in our Nation's cause.
12. A thorough program of Post inspection is necessary to ensure compliance with National and Department By-Laws and directives. Department Inspectors and Deputies shall make every effort to inspect every Post under their cognizance on an annual basis and correct such discrepancies as may be disclosed.
13. For the purpose of establishing continuous member-
- ship, a member may pay back Department and National dues for all delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the time he last became delinquent.
14. Locations of the following Posts have been changed: Post 197 from Margaretville to Fleischmanns, N.Y.; Post 6917 from Mesilla to La Cruces, N.M., and Post 7795 from Wales to East Aurora, N.Y.
15. Corrections of the locations of the following Posts have been made: Post 9501 from King William to Aylett, Va., and Post 9613 from Blandermill to Midlothian, Va.
16. The authorization of Charters to the following Posts is hereby rescinded, the Posts never having been instituted: Post 3468, Park Forest, Ill.; Post 3829, Springfield, Ill., and Post 9993, Port Richey, Fla.
17. Charters for the following Posts have been authorized: Post 9025, West Peabody, Mass.; Post 9140, Gary, Ind.; Post 9247, Wexford-Gibsonia, Pa.; Post 9262, Chelmsford, Mass.; Post 9271, Tonganoxie, Kans.; Post 9360, Hamburg, Ark.; Post 9380, Broussard, La.; Post 9395, St. Edward, Neb.; Post 9402, Sutton, Neb.; Post 9410, Hesperia, Calif.; Post 9415, Phelan, Calif.; Post 9435, Drummond, Mont.; Post 9443, Blackfoot, Idaho; Post 9444, Rhein Main Air Base, West Germany; Post 9446, West Boise, Idaho; Post 9448, Breckenridge, Mich.; Post 9522, Gibsonburg, Ohio; Post 9574, Berlin, Germany; Post 9632, Page, Ariz.; Post 9740, Oak Hill, Ohio.

By Command of  
JOHN S. STAUM  
Commander-in-Chief

OFFICIAL:  
Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.  
Adjutant General

### RECENT BOOKS

#### General Interest

**Atomic Diplomacy: Hiroshima & Potsdam** by Gar Alperovitz, Elisabeth Sifton Books, 427 pages, \$7.95 (paperback). This provocative work examines the possibility that the atomic bomb was used more as a strategy toward Russia than as a method to end the war against Japan.

**Spy-Tech** by Graham Yost, Facts on File, 281 pages, \$17.95. Aerial spying and the fascinating modern technologies spies use are the main themes of this illustrated text.

**Definitions and Doctrine of the Military Art** edited by Thomas E. Griess, Avery Publishing Group, 218 pages, no price listed (paperback). Fundamental concepts and

technology of the military, past and present, are examined in this volume.

**Combat Skills of the Fighting Soldier: FM 21-75**, Paladin Press, no price listed. Regardless of occupational specialty, each soldier must learn the basic skills set forth and explained in this field manual.

#### Vietnam

**Air America** by Christopher Robbins, Avon Publishers, 328 pages, \$3.95 (paperback). This is the story of missions flown by Air America, reported to be the CIA's secret airline.

**The Brown Water Navy: The River and Coastal War in Indo-China and Vietnam, 1948-1972** by Col. Victor Croizat, USMC (Ret.), Blandford Press, 160 pages, \$17.95. The innovativeness of military minds is revealed in this account of the use of brown waterways in Indo-China to deploy troops and equipment in a jungle where roads were few and dangerous.

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**Vampire Squadron!** by William H. Starke, Robinson Typographics, 207 pages, no price listed. Battling the Japanese and the environment, the

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44th Fighter Squadron became known as a crack unit in the 13th Air Force, as chronicled in this account.

**War Diaries: The Mediterranean, 1943-1945** by Harold Macmillan, St. Martin's Press, 804 pages, \$29.95. A participant in the events of that period, the former British prime minister gives many insights into political and military decisions that shaped Allied victory.

**Stars and Stripes Front Pages: World War II**, Hugh Lauter Levin Associates, 224 pages, \$19.95. This collection of more than 200 Stars and Stripes' front pages from the service newspaper's 30 editions gives a comprehensive picture of U.S. participation in the war.

**Stories of the Eighth** edited by John H. Woolnough, Newsfoto Yearbooks, 263 pages, no price listed. This volume covers the World War II 8th Air Force from its beginning to the end of the war.

**Death of a Nazi Army** by William B. Beuer, Stein and Day, 312 pages, \$19.95. This is the story of the Falaise Gap and the destruction of the Germans in Normandy, almost as disastrous as Stalingrad.

**Patton: The Man Behind the Legend, 1885-1945** by Martin Blumenson, William Morrow, 320 pages, \$17.95. Brilliant but volatile, George S. Patton, Jr., is pictured in this biography as a man composed of many passions, talents and an ever-present drive for power and success.

## Civil War

**Unto This Hour** by Tom Wicker, Berkley Publishing Group, 703 pages, \$4.95 (paperback). A stirring portrait of the men and women swept into the compelling drama of the Second Battle of Bull Run.

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**NLFED E-10-201, USNS (Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Oct 1945)**—Seeking anyone attached to unit during Typhoon Louise—Wesley George, 14842 Wabash Ave., Dolton IL 60419.  
**USS Prairie AD-15 (1952-55)**—Seeking any shipmates, esp. Henry Savage (CT), Joseph Lombardi (NY) and Roy Glidewell (KY)—Denver Richards, General Delivery, Clendenin WV 25045.  
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**314 & HQ Fighter Sqdn. (WWII)**—Orlando—Eugene Rouse, 122 Sheraton Rd., Syracuse NY 13219.

**362nd Fighter Grp. (Westover Field, ETO, or Seymour Johnson, Mar 1943-Nov 1945)**—Ray Breckle, 2101 Sandy Ln. D4, Las Vegas NV 89115.

**Pilot Class 48-B**—Orlando—J.T. Pace, 1530 Dorsal St., Merritt Island FL 32952.

### May

**8th AF Veterans, FL Chapter, 8AFHS**—St Petersburg Beach FL—Jim Beavers, 4920 Tellson Pl., Orlando FL 32806.

**13th AF, 42nd Bomb. Gp., 390th Bomb. Sqdn. (M)**—Myrtle Beach SC—Adrian Good, POB 1031, Elizabeth ton TN 37363.

**34th Svc. Gp., 1149th QM Co.**—Austin TX—Ira Stephens, 815 N.W. 10th AVE., Camas WA 98607.

**47th/479th Service Sqdn Assn.**—Kissimmee FL—Carl Bevis, POB 203, Madison FL 32340.

### July

**11th Bomb Grp. (H) Assn.**—Sacramento—Bob May, POB 637, Seffner FL 33584.

**14th Fighter Grp. (TE), 49th Fighter Sqdn.**—Griffiss AFB NY—S.D. Huff, 3200 Chetwood Dr., Del City OK 73115.

**66th Trp. Carrier Sqdn.**—San Antonio—Oliver Rickert, 29547 Terra Vista, Boerne TX 78006.

### August

**75th Air Depot Wing**—Davenport, Iowa—Kenneth Brunmeier, POB 181, Onida, SD 57564.

**80th Trp. Carrier Sqdn. (WWII)**—William Elmendorf, 1015 Lantern Ln., Lebanon IL 62254.

**325th Glider Inf. Rgt. Assn.**—Buffalo NY—Wayne

Pierce, 415 N. Hannah Ave., Mt. Morris IL 61054.  
**414th Bomb. Sqdn. Assn.**—Indianapolis—Chas. Merlo, 7335 Neckel, Dearborn, MI 48126.

### September

**41st Air Service Grp.**—St. Louis—Harold Ackerman, 1 Sunset Dr., St. Johnsbury VT 05819.  
**89th Airdrome Sqdn. (WWII)**—Felix Lilly, 1117 Cedar Place, Johnson City TN 37601.

**3310th Food Service Sqdn., 3310th Air Base Grp. (Scott AFB IL, Jan. 1949)**—Jake Tennant, 814 E. Hines Ave., Peoria IL 61614.

**Chabua-Dinjan Veterans Grp. (WWII)**—Dayton—Mac Alama, 115 Searlwyn Rd., Syracuse, NY 13205.

### October

**401st Bomb. Grp. (England, WWII)**—Savannah GA—Ralph Trout, 401st Bomb. Grp., POB 22044, Tampa FL 33622.

## ALL BRANCHES

### March

**Anzio Beachhead Veterans (WWII)**—Orlando—M.E. Hohl, 2633 Ioretto Rd., Jacksonville FL 32223.

### May

**American Ex-Prisoners of War, Dept. of the Commonwealth of Virginia**—Frances Hedrick, 4717 Clarke St., Lynchburg VA 24502.

### June

**US Disciplinary Barracks**—Leavenworth—M.E. Merritt, 104 E. Mary, Lansing KS 66043.

### July

**The Caterpillar Assn. of the US**—Dayton—Johnny Brown, POB 1321, Kenosha WI 53141.

## ARMY

### April

**11th Airborne Div. Assn.**—Fresno CA—Leroy Franklin, 24581 Florence Ave., Corning CA.

**51st Engr. Combat Bn. (WWII)**—Washington, D.C.—Charles Attardo, Rear 77 Durkee St., Forty Fort PA 18704.

**80th Inf. Div., 305th Engrs.**—Harrisburg PA—Urban Weinheimer, 1300 McElhaney Rd., Library PA 15129.

**135th Ordnance M.M. Co. (ETO, WWII)**—Montvale NJ—Frank Lanzante, 76 Clinton Park Dr., Bergenfield NJ 07621.

**555 Engr. (C) Grp.**—Fort Lauderdale—Bill Burr, 4721 NW 41 Ct., Lauderdale Lakes FL 33319.

**601st Tank Destroyer Bn.**—Philadelphia—Franklin Delia, 917 Ave. A, Parkland PA 19047.

**951st FA Bn. (WWII)**—Baton Rouge—Thomas Hoffman, Rt. 1 Box 55C, Grosse Tete LA 70740.

### May

**2nd FA Bn. (1938-40)**—Wilson NC—Buck Harris, 301 Wilson St., Elm City NC 27282.

**2nd Armored Div., 17th Engr. Bn., Co. A**—Oklahoma City, Willard Curtis, 110 S. Revena, Ann Arbor MI 48103.

**7th Inf. Rgt.**—Vancouver Barracks WA—Marion Throne, Rt. 1 Box 147-A, Hume MO 64752.

**10th Mountain Div. (WWII), Midwest Chapter**—Cincinnati OH—J. E. Baker, 15W761 Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst IL 60126.

**29th Inf. Div., 29th Recon. Trp. (WWII)**—Valley Forge—Lynwood Ritter, 209 Fox Dr., Winchester VA 22601.

**29th Inf. Div., 116th Rgt., D C**—Salem VA—George Kobe, 27701 Murrieta Rd., Space 127, Sun City CA 92381.

**33rd Div., 136 Inf. Co. A**—Fort Wayne IN—Lyle Powers, 202 S. 7th St., Brighton MI 48116.

**37th Div., 134th Field Art'y. (WWII)**—Walker Warner, 1225 22nd St., Portsmouth OH 45662.

**54th QM Base Depot**—Chicago—Bill Siegrist, 4 Camillo Dr., Wayne NJ 07470.

**76th Gen. Hosp.**—Des Moines—Knut Oppedahl, POB 248, Humboldt IA 50548.

**97th Inf. Div., 386th Inf. Rgt., E Co.**—Dayton—Harry Emerson, 400 N. Lake Rd. Y5E, Hobart IN 46342.

**100th Inf. Div. Assn., Florida Chapter (WWII)**—DeLand FL—Jan DeBouter, 41 Spring Lake Ct. S., New Port Richey FL 33552.

**103rd Div., 384th F.A. Bn., HQ & HQ Btry. (WWII)**—Louis Faber, 412 N. 5th St., Keokuk IA 52632.

**243rd Sig. Oper. Co. (WWII)**—Lake Junaluska NC—Cliff Hagedorn, 1515 5th Ave., Des Plaines IL 60018.

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**614th Ord. Ammo. Co.**—Robert Eby, 543 Roseville Rd., Lancaster PA 17601.

**726th M.P. Bn. (WWII)**—Branson MO—James Coulter, 11366 Millersburg Rd., Massillon OH 44646.

**806th TD Bn.**—Louisville KY—Richard Allen, 208 W. Hillside Ave., Barrington IL 60010.

**850th Engr. Bn.**—Frank Bess, 139 Lake Park Dr., Nashville TN 37211.

**989th Engr. Treadway Bridge Co.**—Salina KS—Arnold Okeson, Box 136, Weskan KS 67762.

**Society of the 173rd Abne. Brigade (Vietnam)**—John Spencer, POB 1977, Fort Benning GA 31905-0577.

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**7th Engr. Bn.**—Niles MI—Charles Marks, 8234 Parkridge Dr., Fort Wayne IN 46825.

**10th Inf. Div., 86th Rgt., Co. I**—Baltimore—Robert Lockhart, 633 Cedar St., Madison WI 53715.

**31st & 241st Engr. (C) Bns. (WWII)**—Little Falls, NY—Gerald Stone, 507 Lake St., Herkimer, NY 13350.

**45th Div., 180th Inf. Co. I (WWII)**—Williamsport PA—Charles Harper, Rt. 1 Box 135-1, Montrose W.V.A. 26283.

**78th Cav. Recon. Troop**—Carl Sumpter, 550 Blackhawk Trail, Loveland OH 45140.

**78th Inf. Div.**—Howard Ogden, 704 Chandler St., Philadelphia PA 19111.

**79th Inf. Div., 904th FA Bn.**—Indianapolis—Lowell Kendall, 1010 Quarry Road, Marion, IN 46952.

**96th Inf. Div. (WWII)**—Fresno CA—William Broschek, 17819 S. Station Rd., Columbia Sta. OH 44028.

**97th Inf. Div., 387th Rgt., Co. F (WWII)**—Leo Poskey, 6075 Billwood Hwy., Potterville MI 48876.

**120th Sta. Hosp. (WWII)**—St. Louis—Walter Schaffer, 6825 Raytown Rd., Raytown, MO 64133.

**202 Engr. Combat Bn., Co. C (WWII)**—KCKS—William Doyle, 6910 Beverly Ave., Overland Park KS 66204.

**210th Gen. Hosp.**—Carlisle PA—Lowell Dean, 185 Central Ave., Westerville OH 43081.

**216th AAA Gun Bn.**—Knoxville TN—Steven Belak, 1604A SE 28th Terr., del Prado Park Townhouse 24, Cape Coral FL 33904.

**527th Engrs., Lt. Pon. Co.**—Marion Munsinger, 402 9th Ave., POB 7, Eldora IA 50627.

**654th Engrs. Bn. (Topo)**—Gabriel Vitelli, 595 Ridge Rd., Orange CT 06471.

**749th ROB**—Petersburg—Donald Gothard, 4173 Dixie Ct., Columbus OH 43228.

**773d FA Assn.**—Tallahassee—Wallace Tanner, 104 Pine Tree Rd., Perry FL 32347.

**965th FA Bn. Assn.**—Joe Ventrella, Box 21, Netarts OR 97143.

### □August

**6th Ranger Bn. (WWII)**—Howard Baker, 1730 Spring St., York PA 17404.

**9th Armd. Div., 9th Armd. Engr. Bn.**—Omaha—Raymond Zanker, RR 2 Box 34A, Hamburg IA 51640.

**9th Armd. Div., 27th Armd. Inf. Bn. Assn. (WWII)**—St. Louis—Mac McMaster, POB 28, Glendora, NJ 08029.

**25th Inf. Div. Assn.**—Seattle—Robert Muzzy, 809 Forston Dr., Takoma Park MD 20912.

**32nd Div. National Veterans Assn.**—E.J. Sartell, 1716 Sousa Ct., Janesville WI 53545.

**80th Div. Veterans Assn.**—Baltimore—James Phillips, 420 Hanover St., Elizabethtown PA 17022.

**84th Inf. Div.**—Secretary, Railsplitter Soc., POB 26, Fort Myers FL 33902.

**183d Ord. Depot Co.**—James Thompson, POB 6, Holts Summit MO 65043.

**255th FA Bn. (WWII)**—Clark's Summit PA—Marvin George, 60 W 1st St. #5, Morgan Hill CA 95037.

**315th Inf. Rgt. Assn. (WWII)**—Francis Oczko, 144 N. 6th St., New Hyde Park NY 11040.

**497th AAA Gun Bn. (WWII)**—Laverne Huschka, 2141 E. Memorial Dr., Janesville WI 53545.

**508th Parachute Inf. Rgt. Assn.**—Jim Allardye, 335 Ardussi St., Frankenmuth MI 48734.

### □September

**5th Engr. (C) Bn., 5th Engr. Rgt., 1278th Engr. Grp.**—Marvin Moore, 3185 Seward Rd., Eads TN 38028.

**14th Inf. Rgt., F & E Cos.**—Roger Brown, 242 W. Gladstone St., Wabash IN 46992.

**30th Div., 119th Inf. Co. G (WWII)**—Richard Earll, Box 288, Union City PA 16438.

**60th Chem. Depot**—Vince Timpe, 2995 Brunswick St., Dubuque IA 52001.

**60th Gen. Hosp.**—Columbus—Joe Roseberry, 386 Linda Mel Dr., Marion OH 43302.

**187th Gen. Hosp. (WWII)**—V.E. Martin, 925 Todd Preis Dr. W 104, Nashville TN 37221.

**332nd Engr. Rgt. (WWII)**—George Gantz, 549 Fairthorn Ave., Philadelphia PA 19128.

### □October

**35th, 145th & 1122 Grp. Combat Engrs. (WWII)**—Hot Springs—Norval Cummings, RR 1 Box 9, Seymour IN 47274.

**233rd Engr. (C) Bn.**—Edwin Neveu, 601 Terraview Dr., Green Bay WI 54301.

**351st Ord. Maint. Co. (AA) Assn. (WWII)**—White Haven PA—George Billiger, 370 Woodstream Way, North Wales PA 19454.

**505th Para. Inf. RCT**—Ft. Bragg—Donald W. McKeage, 973 Gladys St., Stanton, MI 48888.

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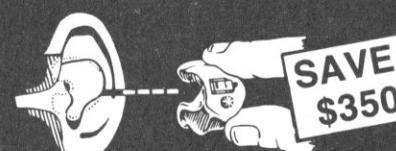
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### MARINES

#### May

**5th Marines, Weapons Company**—Pigeon Forge TN—Lewis Spivey, POB 66, Kodak TN 37764.

**11th Amph. Trac. Bn.**—Vincennes IN—George Phillips, 1306 Maple St., Lawrenceville IL 62439.

#### July

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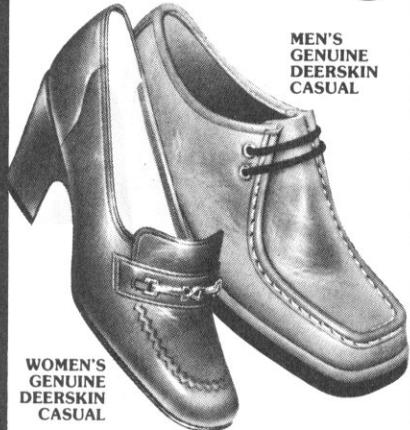


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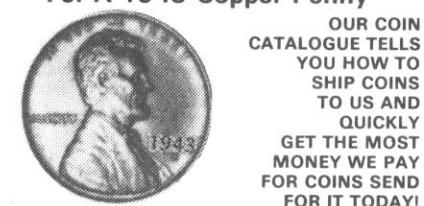


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**USS Sevier APA-233**—Charleston SC—J.H. Kester, 106 Shaftesbury Ln., Summerville SC.

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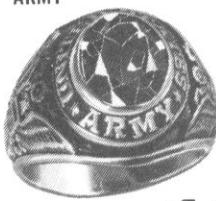
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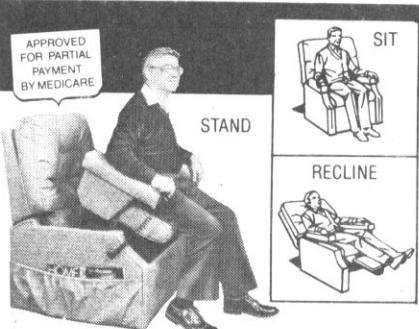
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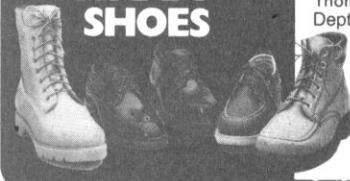
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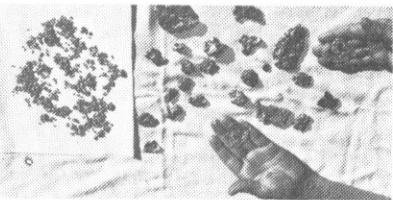
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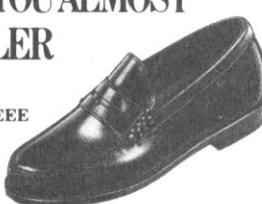
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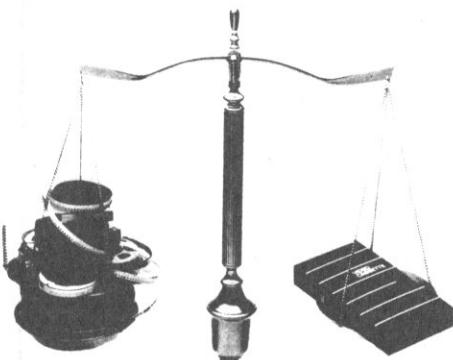
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